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OF THE

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OF THE

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

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OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

Moderator,

Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., - Lawrenceville, N. J.

Stated Clerk,

Rev. J. B. Davis, - - - - Hightstown, N. J.

Enrollment and Reading Clerk,

Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, - - Jamesburg, N. J.

Temporary Clerk,

Rev. Walter A. Brooks, - - - Trenton, N. J.

Treasurer,

Rev. J. B. Davis, - - - - Hightstown, N. J.

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The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Trenton, on Tuesday, October 21st, 1879, at 3 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. William Bannard, D.D., from the Gospel of John, chapter xi, verse 47: "What do we? for this man doeth many miracles."

Immediately after the sermon, the Synod was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTER.	RULING ELDERS.
Cornelius De Heer.	[None.]

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

Robert Street,
Edwin H. Reinhart,
James M. Bruen,
Joseph M. McNulty,
William C. Roberts, D.D.,
John A. Liggett,
Albert B. King,
John C. Rankin, D.D.,
William Scribner,
Joseph G. Williamson,
Everard Kempshall, D.D.,
Isaac A. Blauvelt,
John Jay Pomeroy,
John Ewing,

John C. Bliss,
William T. Carr,
Hugh Smythe,
Samuel Parry,
Edward C. Ray,
Theodore W. Hunt,
John Rudolph,
K. P. Ketcham (2),
James G. Mason,
William H. Gill (2),
Norman W. Cary,
Wm. J. Henderson,
James F. Riggs,
W. E. Honeyman,
J. Hall McIlvaine. Total, 29.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
Calvin Thompson	Baskingridge.
William S. Wyckoff	Bethlehem.
George L. Headley	Connecticut Farms.
Job S. Williams (2)	Cranford.
W. B. Tucker	First, Elizabeth.
Samuel R. Tremley	Second, Elizabeth.
Isaac Faulks	Third, Elizabeth.
John C. Williams	Siloam, Elizabeth.
Charles E. Hunter (2)	Madison Avenue, Elizabeth.
A. W. Kingsley, M.D.	Westminster, Elizabeth.
William Woodcock	Elizabethport.
George Muller	Lamington.
James A. Grimstead	Metuchen.
Samuel Milligan, Jr.	First, Plainfield.
William L. Coriell	Second, Plainfield.
T. V. Van Artsdale	Pluckamin.
O. E. Boyd	First, Rahway.
Robert C. Brewster (2)	Second, Rahway.
A. D. Hope	Roselle.
P. H. Vernon	Summit.
Charles Pierson	Westfield.

Total, 21.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.,
William H. Megie,
James C. Egbert,
David Magie, D.D.,
John R. Fisher,
Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D.,
Robert R. Thompson,
S. Somerville Stubbs,
James H. Clark,
Henry W. Booth, D.D.,

Clarence Geddes,	John P. Hale,
Samuel M. Jackson,	F. Otto Zesch,
O. A. Kingsbury,	Richard Bentley.

Total, 16.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
D. M. Stiger	First, Jersey City.
Jeremiah H. Halsey	Bergen, First, Jersey City.
W. O. Fayerweather (2)	Second, Paterson.
R. J. Waddell (2)	Tenafly.
James Neafie	West Hoboken.

Total, 5.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

Isaac Todd,	Rufus Taylor, D.D.,
George W. Cotterell,	Benjamin T. Phillips,
Samuel Miller, D.D.,	A. H. Dashiell, Jr.,
John Hancock,	Jesse B. Davis,
E. J. Pierce,	Robert Julien,
A. P. Cobb,	J. G. Symmes, D.D.,
John H. Pratt,	Frank Chandler,
G. W. McMillan,	Donald McLaren,
Benjamin S. Everitt,	J. S. Van Dyke,
E. B. Hodge,	Louis R. Fox (3),
J. M. Anderson,	C. S. Newhall,
George Swain, D.D. (2),	J. R. Sanson,
H. R. Hall,	George Warrington,
James M. Denton,	Oliver A. Kerr,
J. A. Livingston Smith.	Total, 29.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
A. A. Howell, M.D	Allentown.
L. Le Chevalier	Asbury Park.
Jacob Wilson (2)	Beverly.
William R. Murphy	Bordentown.
Harvey Simons	Bricksburg.
Walter L. Wright	Columbus.
John Gibson	First, Cranbury.
John S. Davison	Second, Cranbury.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
Garret Forman	Englishtown.
John B. Conover	First, Freehold.
Thomas McDonald (2)	Hightstown.
William H. Mount	Jamesburg.
Joseph Rue	Perrineville.
P. G. Fine	Plattsburg.
Lewis Ourt	Riverton.
N. P. Todd	Whiting and Shamong.
G. S. Reid	Tennent.

Total, 17.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS.

Burtis C. Megie, D.D.,	Robert Aikman, D.D.,
Nathaniel Conklin,	Charles C. Parker, D.D. (2),
Oliver Crane, M.D.,	O. H. Perry Deyo,
Elijah W. Stoddard,	James F. Brewster (2),
Henry F. Hickok,	Robert S. Feagles (2),
Eldridge Mix, D.D.,	Alfred Yeomans, D.D.,
Albert Erdman,	Thomas Carter,
Daniel W. Fox,	I. Williams Cochrane (2),
James H. Marr,	James A. Ferguson,
James M. Hunting, Jr.,	John H. Worcester, Jr.,
Rufus S. Green,	Edward P. Linnell,
William F. Whitaker,	Titus E. Davis,
Julius L. Danner,	W. F. Anderson,
S. B. McPherson.	Total, 27.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
D. H. Smith	Boonton.
Henry P. Day	Chatham.
Wm. K. Osborn (2)	Chester.
Joseph L. Munn	East Orange.
Philip P. Hoffman	Fairmount.
D. A. Nicholas	Flanders.
John C. Welch	German Valley.
Joseph Kitchell, Jr	Hanover.
Jeremiah Baker	Madison.
S. C. Babbitt	First, Mendham.
Henry Drake	Second, Mendham.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
H. M. Dalrymple	First, Morristown.
Philip H. Hoffman	South Street, Morristown.
John Oliver	New Vernon.
George W. Snow	Second, Orange.
L. P. Stone	Central, Orange.
John Ogden (2)	Parsippany.
J. S. Brown	South Orange.
H. W. Hunt	Schooley's Mountain.

Total, 19.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

Isaac McIlvaine,
James P. Wilson, D.D.,
Joseph Fewsmith, D.D.,
Samuel H. Hall, D.D.,
J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.,
Henry W. Ballentine,
George C. Pollock,
M. F. Hollister,
Julius H. Wolff (2),
James M. Barkley (2).
J. F. Stearns, D.D.,
J. H. McIlvaine, D.D.,
Wm. T. Findley, D.D., (2),
E. R. Craven, D.D.,
W. W. McNair (2),
Charles E. Knox, D.D.,
Charles T. Berry,
Wm. A. Nordt (2),
Isaac W. Davenport,
Total, 19.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
Thomas McGowan	Bloomfield.
H. B. Sheldon	Bloomfield, West.
Samuel O. Harrison	Caldwell.
James C. Baker (2)	Lyons Farms.
Thomas Russel	Montclair.
S. H. Pennington (2).	First, Newark.
E. F. Baldwin	Second, Newark.
Lorenzo Boyden (2)	Third, Newark.
Job Haines	Sixth, Newark.
Ira M. Harrison	South Park, Newark.
E. P. Nicholas (2)	Park, Newark.
C. W. Stickney (2)	Wickliffe, Newark.
S. G. Gould	Roselle, Newark.
W. M. Berry	Calvary, Newark.
C. A. Long	Plane Street, Newark.

Total, 15.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

John Maclean, D.D.,
L. H. Atwater, D.D. (3),
Benj. Carrell,
George Sheldon, D.D.,
John M. Rogers,
A. A. Hodge, D.D.,
John T. Duffield, D.D. (2),
S. M. Hamill, D.D.,
P. A. Studdiford, D.D.,
A. L. Armstrong,
Isaac M. Patterson,
Joseph W. Porter,
George Macloskie, LL.D.,
J. D. Randolph,
William Harris (2),
Daniel R. Foster,
J. Van Wert Schenck,
J. P. W. Blattenberger,
Alexander Miller (2),
A. T. McGill, D.D. (3),
D. M. Halliday, D.D.,
Cornelius S. Conklin,
John Hall, D.D.,
John Woodbridge, D.D.,
Nathan S. Aller,
Abraham Gosman, D.D.,
George S. Mott, D.D.,
H. G. Hinsdale,
S. T. Lowrie, D.D. (2),
H. C. Cameron, D.D.,
S. M. Studdiford,
J. B. Kennedy,
A. F. Hutchinson,
J. Thompson Osler (2),
Lewis W. Mudge,
W. A. Brooks,
Charles H. Asay,
W. D. Robison (2),
J. S. Foulke. Total, 39.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
S. B. Pickle	First, Alexandria.
D. S. Bellis	United, Amwell.
R. S. Garretson (3)	Bound Brook
Richard McDowell	Dayton.
John S. Bergen	Dutch Neck.
William H. Cox	Ewing.
John T. Bird	Flemington.
John Case	Frenchtown.
David Lee	Hamilton Square.
John Rue	Kirkpatrick Memorial.
Charles A. Skillman	Lambertville.
B. S. Johnson	Lawrenceville.
Edward Hunt (2)	Milford.
D. C. English, M.D. (2)	First, New Brunswick.
J. T. Reineck	Second, New Brunswick.
Enoch A. Titus	Pennington.
H. E. Hale (2)	First, Princeton.
Fred. Vinton	Second, Princeton.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
R. H. Wilson	Titusville.
George S. Green	First, Trenton.
George Brearley	Second, Trenton.
J. S. Noble	Third, Trenton.
Charles Brearley	Fourth, Trenton.
David Warman	Fifth, Trenton.
Samuel C. Brown	Prospect Street, Trenton.
J. C. Harrison	First, Hopewell.

Total, 26.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

J. Addison Priest, D.D.,	Henry E. Spayd,
David Stevenson,	Robert B. Foresman,
William Thomson,	J. B. Kugler,
R. J. Burtt,	J. P. Clarke,
T. A. Sanson (2),	Alex. Proudfit,
H. B. Townsend (2),	J. M. Maxwell,
E. Clarke Cline,	Daniel Deruelle,
W. A. Holliday,	Charles P. Glover,
Thomas S. Long,	John J. Crane,
S. E. Webster,	Jethro B. Woodward,
Theo. F. Chambers,	E. A. Hamilton,
John F. Pollock (2),	George W. Tomson,
Thomas Tyack,	J. C. Clyde.

Total, 26.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
Samuel Sherrard	First, Belvidere.
H. D. Gregory (2)	Blairstown.
H. R. Kennedy	Bloomsbury.
Jesse G. Roe	Branchville.
C. H. Albertson	Danville.
Abram Smith	Deckertown.
Wm. H. Hemingway	Delaware.
W. H. Hamlin	Greenwich.
D. F. Brandt	Hackettstown.
Joseph Koch	Harmony.
Andrew M. Nunn	First, Mansfield.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
John B. Lunger	Musconetcong.
Samuel Johnson	Newton.
L. Marshall Teel (2)	Phillipsburg.
A. P. Kinney	Stewartsville.
I. Read Kerr	Yellow Frame.
John Dunning	Second, Wantage.

Total, 17.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

V. D. Reed, D.D.,	A. H. Brown,
William Bannard, D.D.,	Henry Reeves,
E. P. Shields,	L. C. Baker,
J. Allen Maxwell,	R. Hamill Davis (2),
F. R. Brace,	C. T. McMillan,
George L. Smith,	H. H. Beadle,
E. P. Heberton,	S. R. Anderson,
L. E. Coyle,	J. DeHart Bruen,
O. B. McCurdy,	J. E. Peters,
J. H. O'Brien,	H. L. Mayers,
Ed. Dillon,	Alex. Scotland.

Total, 22.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
Theodore F. Worts (2)	Atlantic City.
Nathaniel Fish	First, Bridgeton.
Samuel Applegate	Second, Bridgeton.
A. S. Woodruff	West, Bridgeton.
John Callahan (2)	First, Camden.
J. Q. Williams	Cape Island.
James M. Newcomb	First, Cedarville.
David Parvis	Deerfield.
William Richmond	Salem.
Isaac Stevenson	Wenonah.
A. S. Barber (2)	Woodbury.

Total, 11.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. W. R. Work, of the Synod of Philadelphia.
" Edward Webb, " " " "

Rev. S. C. Logan, D.D., of the Synod of Philadelphia.
" B. T. Johnson, " " " Albany.
" E. E. Swift, D.D., " " " Erie.
" Cyrus Dickson, D.D., of the Synod of New York.
" Augustus Brodhead, D.D., of the Synod of India.
" Andrew Tully, " " " Philadelphia.
" A. M. Jelly, D.D., " " " Baltimore.
" W. P. Titsworth, " " " Colorado.
" Jesse Stiles, of N. J. M. E. Conference.
Total, 11.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	208
Ruling Elders	131
Corresponding Members	11
Total	350

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, was elected Moderator, and Rev. Walter A. Brooks, was elected Temporary Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending—

1st. That the sessions be held from 9 to 12:30, 2:30 to 5:30, 7:30 to 9:30.

2d. That instead of a single devotional exercise in the morning, as has been the custom recently, each session be opened and closed with prayer.

3d. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated this evening at 7:30, the Moderator to preside; the first distribution to be made by Dr. A. A. Hodge, assisted by Elders Johnson, Stone, Harrison, Kennedy, Stickney and Day; and the second distribution to be made by Rev. Albert Erdman, assisted by Elders Reid, Williams, Richardson, Tucker, Howell and Baker.

4th. That in accordance with the standing rule adopted at the last session, Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30, and the whole of the evening

session, be devoted to Benevolence and Church Work, to be treated in the following order:

1. Systematic Beneficence in our Church Life. The report of the Committee on Beneficence to be made by Rev. I. W. Cochrane; remarks to be opened by Rev. William A. Holliday, of Belvidere.

2. The Foreign Missionary Spirit of the Presbyterian Church. Remarks to be opened by Dr. Brodhead, of Allahabad, India, and Rev. Cornelius De Heer, of Africa.

3. Our Church in Our Country. Remarks opened by Dr. Priest, of Newton.

4. The Church in Relation to Education, Including Sabbath Schools. Remarks opened by Dr. Mott, of Flemington.

5. Freedmen, and all remaining departments of Church work, to be discussed generally.

It is understood that the special agency of Christian women will be included in the consideration of all the above branches of Church work.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Ordered, That the Narrative of the State of Religion be read this evening, after the Communion Service.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, as previously ordered.

At the close of this service, Synod was called to order for business.

The Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod, was read by Rev. George S. Mott, D.D. The report of the Committee on the Narrative was accepted and adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

I. Bills and Overtures—Rev. William Bannard, D.D., Rev. J. G. Symmes, D.D., Rev. J. M. Maxwell, Rev. J. J. Pomeroy, Elders John Rue, Walter L. Wright, Philip H. Hoffman.

II. Judicial Committee—Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., Rev. H. C. Cameron, D.D., Rev. H. F. Hickok, Rev. C. T. Berry, Elders Charles A. Skillman, Esq., S. H. Pennington, M.D., L. P. Stone.

III. On the Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. J. P. Wilson, D.D., Rev. A. L. Armstrong, Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D., Elders H. R. Kennedy, A. S. Woodruff.

Synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 22d, 1879.

Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

JUDICIAL CASE.

The Stated Clerk announced that a paper had been placed in his hands, entitled, "Complaint of Joseph S. Van Dyke and twenty-six others, against the action of the Presbytery of Monmouth, in the case of Mr. L. E. Brown."

Resolved, That the paper be referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Judicial Committee obtained leave to retire for business.

The Moderator announced the following additional Committees, viz.:

IV. On Treasurer's Accounts and Assessments—Elders William R. Murphy, A. A. Howell, M.D.

V. On the Narrative for 1880—Rev. R. Taylor, D.D., Rev. R. P. Ketcham.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Elizabeth—Rev. V. D. Reed, D.D., Rev. F. R. Brace, Elder A. S. Wright.

Jersey City—Rev. H. E. Spayd, Rev. J. B. Kugler, Elder John Davenport.

Monmouth—Rev. P. A. Studdiford, D.D., Rev. J. B. Kennedy, Elder B. S. Johnston.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D., Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Elder S. G. Gould.

Newark—Rev. B. C. Megie, D.D., Rev. E. Mix, D.D., Elder J. S. Brown.

New Brunswick—Rev. Frank Chandler, Rev. B. T. Phillips, Elder J. B. Conover.

Newton—Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. D. Magee, D.D., Elder J H. Halsey.

West Jersey—Rev. J. C. Rankin, D.D., Rev. J. C. Bliss, Elder W. S. Wyckoff.

The Treasurer presented his report, showing a balance in the treasury of $85.17; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to receive from each Presbytery $10 less for contingent expenses than the amount named at the last meeting of Synod.

The Stated Clerk announced that a paper entitled, "Complaint of members of the Bloomsbury Church against action of the Presbytery of Newton," had been placed in his hands.

Ordered, That the paper be referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. Dr. Kempshall and Rev. David Stevenson were appointed counsel for the complainants in this case.

WOMAN'S WORK FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions was read by Rev. Dr. Booth.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, its recommendations approved, and that the report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The standing Committee on Place of Meeting reported that two invitations for the session of 1880 had been received; one from the church of Hackettstown, and the other from the churches of Bridgeton. The roll was called, and Bridgeton was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns it be to meet in the First Church of Bridgeton, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1880, at 7:30 P. M., and that the pastors of the churches in Bridgeton constitute the Committee of Arrangements.

JUDICIAL CASE, No. 1.

In the matter of the complaint against the Presbytery of Monmouth, the Judicial Committee reported as follows:

The committee report the complaint as in order, and recommend that, by consent of parties, the case be heard and issued by a commission of seven persons.

They further report that the minutes of the Presbytery are, in their judgment, defective, in that they do not record the minutes of the Commission of Presbytery containing the evidence on which the case was decided, or any reference to the fact that such minutes were presented to the Presbytery and placed on file. Your committee have been informed, however, that those minutes are in the hands of the Stated Clerk. They recommend that they be read before the commission as part of the record of the case.

They further recommend that the case be heard by the commission in the following order:

I. The reading of the complaint.

II. The reading of the record of Presbytery, including the minutes of the Commission of Presbytery.

III. The hearing of the parties; the complainants having the right to open and conclude.

The report was accepted and adopted. The Moderator appointed the following commission of seven persons called

for by the report, viz.: Rev. J. A. Priest, D.D., Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D., Rev. J. A. Maxwell, Rev. Thomas Carter, Elders Samuel C. Brown, A. P. Kinney, J. H. Halsey.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

The standing Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented their report, which was accepted. Pending the consideration of the report, Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P.M.

Synod re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

Rev. W. R. Work, of the Synod of Philadelphia; Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D., of the Synod of Baltimore, and Rev. B. P. Johnson, of the Synod of Albany, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Dr. McCloskie, by invitation, addressed the Synod in regard to the work of John Brainerd in the early history of Home Missions in New Jersey.

Rev. A. H. Brown then addressed the Synod on the work of Home Missions in the State.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was then adopted. The committee was continued and authorized to employ a Synodical Missionary.

Dr. E. E. Swift was then heard in behalf of the Assembly's Committee for Freedmen.

Dr. Cyrus Dickson, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the Synod in relation to the work of that Board.

The Presbytery of West Jersey obtained leave to retire for business.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz., the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, which was

read by Rev. I. W. Cochrane, of Mendham. The report was accepted, its recommendations were adopted, and it was ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane, Rev. Mr. Holliday and Elder Baker were appointed a Committee to Nominate an Additional Member of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

JUDICIAL CASE No. 2.

The Judicial Committee, in the matter of the complaint against the action of the Presbytery of Newton, reported as follows:

The Judicial Committee of Synod would respectfully report that they have considered Judicial Case, No. 2, being the "Complaint of Members of the Bloomsbury Church against the action of the Presbytery of Newton," and find the complaint to be in order.

The committee recommend that the Synod proceed to the consideration of the case in the following order, viz.:

I. The reading of the action of the Presbytery complained of.

II. The reading of the complaint.

III. The reading of the records of the Presbytery pertaining to this case.

IV. The hearing of the parties; the complainants having the right to open and conclude.

The report was accepted and adopted, and the case was made the first order for Thursday morning.

WOMAN'S WORK IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The second annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod was presented by Rev. Wm. H. Gill. The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. Dr. Brodhead, of Allahabad, India, in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 P. M. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional exercises.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows:

The committee find no references to Synod except on pages 574 and 594.

On page 574, "The General Assembly calls the attention of Presbyteries and Synods to the debt of the Board of Foreign Missions; and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined to make this subject of the debt and the necessary current income a matter of special consideration at the Fall meetings, to the end that the churches be properly instructed and encouraged in the undertaking of raising the requisite amount."

Page 594: "The appointment of Synodical Committees of Women, in connection with the Board of Home Missions; and the embodying of the reports of these committees in the narratives of Presbyteries and Synods, for the information and encouragement of our churches, which has already been done by Synod."

The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. Cornelius DeHeer in relation to his work in Africa. After which, Synod was led in prayer by Dr. Rankin.

Dr. Imbrie and Dr. Rankin were appointed a committee to bring in a minute in regard to the present condition and needs of the work of Foreign Missions.

Synod was then addressed by Dr. Priest. His theme was "Our Church and Our Country," with special reference to Home Mission Work.

Rev. Dr. Reed was heard in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 23.

Synod re-assembled at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance was made the second order of the day.

The minutes of the Presbyteries of Elizabeth and West Jersey, were approved.

The Clerks of Synod were appointed a committee to revise the Standing Rules, and report at the next annual meeting.

The statistical reports of the Presbyteries were presented and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The matter of the minutes of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, laid over from the last meeting of Synod, was made the third order of the day.

The Standing Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches respectfully report that from all the Presbyteries in the Synod, returns were received, based upon the annual reports to the General Assembly. These are as accurate as can be obtained at any one time during the year.

There were then twenty-five vacant churches, of which eleven, nearly one-half, were in the Presbytery of West Jersey. If the twenty-five churches were classified according to the salary paid, only four were able to give a salary of between $1,000 and $2,000; five were accounted self-supporting on a salary of less than $1,000, and sixteen were not self-supporting and required aid. For some of the feeblest churches it is difficult but not impossible to provide. Their prosperity, nay their very existence depends upon the fostering care of the Presbyteries and Missionary Committees and very much upon the sympathy of the nearest pastors.

Of the three hundred and fifty-four ministers in the State, the Presbyteries reported two hundred and thirty-six engaged actively in ministerial or pulpit work, thirty-six in educational work and eight as

secretaries or agents. The honorably retired are twenty-eight, while eleven are able to preach occasionally; seven are in secular business, leaving twenty-eight others, of whom some were in foreign lands, some *in transitu*, and only a small number who were really able and willing to perform active ministerial labor unemployed.

Very few of the Stated Clerks give the names and post office address of the eighteen licentiates.

Some ministers and licentiates complain of neglect and lack of sympathy. The stronger churches find abundant candidates, and are not long vacant. In the weaker churches it is more difficult to raise money for supplies than for a settled minister. It would be unjust and unkind to send a brother as supply at his own charges. If a Presbyterial or special fund could be provided to meet this financial difficulty, brethren could be more frequently employed and small churches would have the gospel preached more frequently.

Your committee recommend that the attention of Presbyteries and Stated Clerks be called to the above suggestions, in order that more good may be accomplished and that this Synod may set an honorable example yet more worthy of commendation and imitation.

R. AIKMAN, *Chairman.*

JUDICIAL CASE No. 2.

The order of the day, viz., the consideration of Judicial Case No. 2, was then taken up.

The Moderator solemnly announced from the chair that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The case was then tried in the order recommended by the Judicial Committee, viz.:

I. The action of the Presbytery complained of was read.

II. The complaint was read.

III. The records of the Presbytery pertaining to the case were read.

IV. The parties were heard through their counsel.

Pending the presentation of the case of the defence, Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

Rev. Jesse Stiles, of the M. E. Conference of New Jersey; Rev. W. P. Teitsworth, of the Synod of Colorado; Rev. S. C. Logan, D.D., of the Synod of Philadelphia; Rev. A. M. Jelly, D.D., of the Synod of Baltimore, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts having left the Synod, Elders Jacob Wilson and J. S. Davison were appointed as the Auditing Committee.

The records of the Presbytery of Jersey City were approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that they had no business to present, and the committee was discharged.

The committee to nominate an additional member of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported the name of Elder G. W. Snow, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod then proceeded to the further consideration of Judicial Case No. 2, and the Moderator again enjoined upon the members of Synod to recollect and regard the solemnity of the duty in which they were engaged.

The defendants then proceeded to the completion of their case.

The complainants also concluded their argument.

V. The members of the Presbytery of Newton had opportunity to explain the reasons for their action on the case in Presbytery.

VI. The original parties and all members of the Presbytery of Newton retired from the house, and members of Synod had opportunity to express their opinion on the case.

Pending this expression of opinion, Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

The report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was presented and referred to Elder J. Baker, as an Auditing Committee.

Synod then proceeded to the consideration of Judicial Case No. 2, and the Moderator again reminded the members that they were sitting as a court of Jesus Christ, and charged them to remember the responsibility of their position.

When opportunity had been given for all the members of Synod to express their opinions on the case, the Moderator announced that members of the court would vote either to confirm or reverse, in whole or in part, the decision of the inferior judicatory, according to Book of Discipline, Chap. VII, Sec. 3, Par. 10.

The final vote was then taken, with the following result:

To confirm the action of Presbytery	48
To confirm in part	4
To reverse the action of Presbytery	41
To reverse in part	6

The Moderator declared that the vote was "to confirm" the action of the Presbytery.

Dr. Craven announced his dissent from that decision.

Dr. Duffield, Dr. Craven and Elder Baker were appointed a committee to bring in a minute setting forth the reasons for the decision rendered.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The standing Committee on Sabbath Observance presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The standing Committee of the Synod of New Jersey, on Sabbath Observance, would respectfully present the following report:

The Synod, last year, recommended each Presbytery to "appoint a

standing committee to promote Sabbath observance within its own territory; also, to correspond and concert action with the New Jersey Sabbath Union, and other Sabbath committees." All the Presbyteries have complied with this recommendation, and most of them, at their recent stated meetings, adopted papers on the subject of Sabbath observance. There is, undoubtedly, a somewhat awakened feeling in regard to it, with an increasing apprehension that our "American Sabbath" is in great danger, from a wide-spread conspiracy to override its legal, as well as its religious, safeguards, if not to secure the formal repeal of all Sunday laws. Those who are engaged in promoting temperance, as to intoxicating drinks, find that liquor-selling and Sabbath-breaking are kindred evils, closely leagued together against public morals, the interests of religion and the common welfare. They have, therefore, especially in that form of temperance organization called the Christian Temperance Union, arrayed themselves strongly on the side of Sabbath observance.

The prevailing forms of Sabbath desecration mentioned and deplored in the Presbyterial papers referred to, and other like expressions of solicitude on this subject, are chiefly these: Unnecessary travel and frequent pleasure excursions, especially upon railroads and in steamboats; liquor selling; public amusements, theatrical and other kinds; unnecessary labor in various departments of industry; the carriage, distribution and delivery of the United States mails. Most of these are direct violations of the law of the State, as well as of the law of God. Both good citizenship and Christian feeling must condemn them utterly.

The New Jersey Sabbath Union has been doing what it could to correct these evils. In different parts of our State, too, Law and Order associations have been formed within a few years, which embrace the observance of the Christian Sabbath, so far as required by law, within the purview of their operations. We recognize all these as most valuable auxiliaries.

The wide-spread, and, it is to be feared, growing disregard of Sabbath law and Sabbath observance, are, no doubt, rightly attributed to neglect of that express, frequent and careful instruction on this subject in the family, in the Sabbath School and from the pulpit, which Christian fidelity demands.

The truth has not been brought to bear with its proper energy upon the common conscience, especially upon the hearts of the young. Moreover, professing Christians, nay, even some gospel ministers, have become, to an alarming extent, lax, and of doubtful, if not evidently bad, example as to Sabbath observance. Too often, while perhaps pleading that they cannot prevent prevailing desecrations of the

day of sacred rest, they have become partakers in Sabbath-breaking. It can hardly be questioned that, at this point, the unfaithfulness of the professed people and servants of God, more than the hostility of the world, is the evil power against which we have to contend.

In certain measures for the maintenance of Sabbath observance and the defeat of the earnest and concerted efforts making to blot out all Sabbath laws from our civil statute book, there is very general agreement. These we would respectfully advise the Synod to recommend, in the form of the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolved (1), That we affectionately exhort both the officers and people of all our congregations to greatly increased fidelity, in both example and the giving of religious instruction, as to the duty of a strict observance of the Sabbath; and, especially, that the young be faithfully trained, in both the family and the Church, to keep the day holy.

Resolved (2), That by all means in our power, the public conscience in general should be enlightened and aroused as to the necessity of State law to assert and protect the right of our citizens to a day, in common, for unbroken rest from labor, and for quiet, undisturbed worship; and as to the duty of active co-operation to maintain and enforce the time-honored statutes of New Jersey on this subject.

Resolved (3), That we renew the expression of our deep conviction, that the maintenance of morals and religion, in any community, depends essentially upon a Sabbath protected by civil authority, and kept holy by all who admit its divine sanction.

Resolved (4), That we regard those who are seeking to remove all legal and social barriers against secular labor and amusement upon the Sabbath day, as enemies to the highest and best interests of man and to be resisted most earnestly by all lawful means within our power.

Resolved (5), That we recommend to all our pastors and others supplying our pulpits, to preach upon the subject of Sabbath observance, on the third Sunday of November coming, or as soon thereafter as convenient; and to keep it always prominently before the minds of the people.

The matter of the exception to the minutes of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, laid over from last year, was again laid over until the next meeting of Synod.

JUDICIAL CASE No. 1.

The commission appointed to hear and issue Judicial Case No. 1, reported as follows:

The committee appointed by the Synod to adjudicate the complaint of Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke and twenty-six others, members of the Presbytery of Monmouth, against said Presbytery of Monmouth, respectfully report:

That, after the papers in the case were read and all the parties fully heard, in the order directed by the Synod, the commission came to the following decision:

That the complaint be sustained *pro forma*, but that, inasmuch as the informalities and irregularities complained of do not seriously affect the matters at issue, the case be and hereby is dismissed.

J. A. PRIEST, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CARTER, *Clerk*,
J. ALLEN MAXWELL,
SAMUEL C. BROWN,
J. H. HALSEY,
A. P. KINNEY.

The report of the commission was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the records.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute in relation to Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to prepare a series of resolutions on the subject of Foreign Missions, would respectfully report the following: The Synod having heard, with profound interest, the remarks of the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, of India, and of the Rev. Mr. De Heer, of Western Africa, in reference to the progress of the gospel in these countries, and to the importance of the work of Foreign Missions at large, be it

Resolved (1), That the Synod hereby expresses its increased conviction of the vast importance of this branch of the Church's work, and especially at *this time*, when the doors are everywhere, in God's providence, thrown so widely open; when conversions among the heathen are, in many places, so numerous; and when the field is, in all respects, so inviting. Our Lord is, in these things, answering the prayers of His people, that have been so long put up to Him in this behalf, and is permitting them to begin gathering the precious fruits for which they have so long been waiting. The Synod, with special emphasis, presents this great foreign field to the careful consideration of the young men of our Theological Seminaries, especially as so limited a proportion of them are offering themselves to this work, when the needs are so great, and the promise is so hopeful.

(2), It is with pain that the Synod is informed of the heavy debt resting on the Board, amounting, together with the loss incurred by the failure of the Board's foreign banking house, to the sum of $123,000; and that retrenchment, to the amount of $73,000, for the expenses of the Board for the current year, has been rendered necessary; and the Synod calls the attention of its ministers and Churches to the resolutions adopted by the last General Assembly, in which was recommended a *pro rata* advance in the donations of the Churches to the Board of Foreign Missions for the current year. The Synod expresses, very earnestly, the hope that the advance thus recommended to this Synod, of about $10,000 over last year's receipts, may be realized; and the Synod would suggest the desirableness of a special collection for this purpose, as has already been done by some of our Churches, in any case where it may be deemed by the Session to be advisable.

(3), The Synod acknowledges, with great satisfaction, the very successful efforts of the women of our Synod in increasing the funds contributed during the year to this cause, and in exciting a growing interest in the subject of Foreign Missions throughout the State; and they bid them God-speed in their good work.

(4), The Synod would call particular attention to the publications of the Board intended to impart Missionary information to our people, viz.: "The Home and Foreign Record," and, particularly, the "Foreign Missionary." In regard to the "Foreign Missionary," the Synod regrets to be assured that its circulation among us is so exceedingly limited. The Synod is well satisfied that the possibilities of its usefulness are very great, if the magazine were only widely circulated. Considering, therefore, the great and increasing excellence of this publication, the cheap price at which it is now offered, and that specially easy terms for obtaining it are now proposed to Sabbath Schools, the Synod most cordially recommends to all its Ministers and Sessions and, also, to all the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, to use their best endeavors to have the "Foreign Missionary" circulated extensively throughout the Churches and Sabbath Schools.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE,
JOSEPH C. RANKIN,
Committee.

The committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of Newton, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Newton, respectfully report, recommending them for approval, as far as written, with the following exceptions, viz.:

1st. That the proceedings in the case of the Bloomsbury Church, which has been the subject of complaint before the Synod, are to be considered as approved, only so far as they are in accordance with the decision and minute adopted by the Synod in this case.

2d. That, in dissolving the pastoral relation between the Rev. Mr. Scott and the Church at Bloomsbury (pages 167, 168), the Presbytery acted irregularly in not requiring an expression of the wishes of the congregation, through commissioners, regularly appointed for the express purpose, according to the requisition of the Book.

3d. That the records are defective, inasmuch as a proper record requires that papers received and acted upon by the Presbytery should be not only referred to, but distinctly identified, in the minutes, which has not always been done. (See pages 120, 127, 133, 140, 146.)

4th. That the Presbytery acted irregularly in this, viz.: That, after holding a *pro re nata* meeting, September 29th, 1879, which had been regularly called, and of which all the members of Presbytery were duly notified, and at which the items of business named in the call, and none others, were considered (see page 204), a number of persons, who were not present, were allowed, at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, to enter a protest in the case of the business regularly transacted at the said *pro re nata* meeting. (See page 219.)

At the same time, the Synod expresses its judgment that it is unwise in a Presbytery, except in rare cases, to transact, at a *pro re nata* meeting, such important business as that of licensure or ordination, and particularly when a regular meeting of the Presbytery is very soon to be held.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE,
DAVID MAGIE,
JEREMIAH H. HALSEY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The records of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Monmouth were approved.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressing the views of the Synod in regard to Judicial Case No. 2, presented two reports. The majority report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the judgment of the Synod on the complaint of certain members of the

Bloomsbury Church, against the action of the Presbytery of Newton, at their meeting at Andover, April 10th, 1879, would recommend the adoption of the following minute:

The vote of Synod being forty-eight to confirm, four to confirm in part, forty-one to reverse, six to reverse in part the decision of the Presbytery complained against, it is the judgment of the Synod that the decision of the Presbytery be confirmed. That, in view of the nearly equally divided vote, and the expression of the opinions of members of Synod preceding the vote, it is recommended to the Presbytery of Newton that, should a memorial be presented from a majority of the Bloomsbury Church, asking a change in the eldership, it should receive respectful and deliberate consideration. Also, that in future they keep a more careful and particular record of their proceedings.

The Synod would also, at the same time, recommend to the members of the Church at Bloomsbury to seek the things that make for peace.

JOHN T. DUFFIELD,
JEREMIAH BAKER.

MINORITY REPORT.

It was ordered that the minority report should also be entered upon the minutes. That report is as follows:

The undersigned unites with the committee in the entire minute, as expressive of the judgment of Synod, save in the sentence, "It is the judgment of Synod that the decision of the Presbytery be confirmed." He recommends the addition of the words "in part."

E. R. CRAVEN.

Synod then adjourned until 8:30 on Friday morning. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 24th.

Synod met at 8:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of

the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, reported that the accounts had been examined and found to be correct. The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange report, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the exception of the action relating to the ordination of Mr. Wm. Anderson, recorded on pages 314, 315 and 316, which action was irregular in two several respects:

1. At the time the Presbytery received him under its care as a candidate for the ministry, Mr. Anderson appears to have been a member of a church connected with another denomination. There is no evidence that he produced any testimonials of dismission or of standing in his own church, such as would be required in case of his coming even from the bounds of another Presbytery in our own Body. (See Form of Government, Chap. XIV, Sec. 2.)

2. The Presbytery proceeded to ordination with unseemly haste. The Form of Government recites, Chap. XIV, Sec. 1, that "The Holy Scriptures require that *some trial* be previously had of them that are to be ordained to the ministry of the Gospel, that this sacred office be not degraded"; and provides that, "For this purpose, Presbyteries shall license probationers to preach the Gospel, that, after *a competent trial* of their talents, and receiving from the churches a good report, they may *in due time* ordain them to the sacred office."

In this case, the candidate was ordained, without any probation, on the same day whereon he was first introduced to the Presbytery.

Resolved, That a committee of nine members, of which the Moderator of Synod shall be the chairman, be appointed to report, at the next annual meeting of Synod, on the expediency of reducing the size of the Synod, or to suggest some other plan than the present for the entertainment of members of Synod.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Newark were approved.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke gave notice of his intention to enter an Appeal and Complaint before the General Assembly, against the action of Synod in Judicial Case No. 1, and

announced that he would file his reasons with the Moderator within the prescribed time.

The chairman of the standing Committee on Education, announced that the committee would present no report.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, with the vouchers accompanying them, and found them correct. The committee also recommended that the contingent expenses of Synod be divided among the Presbyteries, as follows, viz.:

Presbytery of Elizabeth	$40.00
" " Jersey City	35.00
" " Monmouth	35.00
" " Morris and Orange	40.00
" " Newark	45.00
" " New Brunswick	45.00
" " Newton	35.00
" " West Jersey	35.00

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Janitor's bill.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows, viz.:

To Defend the Action of Synod in the General Assembly, in the Case of the Appeal and Complaint of Rev. J. S. Van Dyke—Rev. J. A. Priest, D.D., Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., Rev. E. B. Hodge.

On Reduction and Entertainment of Synod—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., Rev. Eldridge Mix, D.D., Rev. J. H. Symmes, D.D., Rev. L. C. Baker, Hon. John T. Nixon, Philip H. Hoffman, William Elmer, M.D.

The Moderator being, by order of Synod, chairman.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Pastor, Session, Trustees and Congregation of the First Church, and to all other citizens of Trenton, whose kind and generous hospitality the members of Synod have enjoyed.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members of the Synod had given satisfactory reasons for absence from the

LAST MEETING OF SYNOD, VIZ.:

Rev. V. D. Reed, D.D.,
" L. E. Coyle,
" C. T. McMillan,
Rev. J. R. Sanson,
" Edward Dillon,
" Benjamin Carrell.

FROM PRESENT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Rev. E. W. French, D.D.,
" Rev. Hugh Hamill, D.D.,
" J. O. Wells,
" Duncan Kennedy, D.D.
Rev. T. Wilson,
" D. E. Magee,
" W. H. Green, D.D.
" Geo. Hale, D.D.

The following members were granted leave of absence

DURING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Rev. L. E. Mudge,
Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D.

DURING THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Rev. C. E. Knox, D.D.

AFTER TUESDAY EVENING.

Rev. Robert Julien,
Elder C. W. Stickney, M.D.

AFTER WEDNESDAY NOON.

Elder Abram Smith,
" W. B. Tucker,
" Wm. McD. Coriell,
Rev. H. M. Booth, D.D.,
" Isaac McIlvaine,
Elder R. S. Garrison.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. S. R. Hall, D.D.,
" R. S. Feagles,
" Wm. Scribner,
" Wm. Thomson,
Elder Thomas McDonald,
" John Case,
Elder H. W. Hunt,
Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D.,
" J. D. Randolph,
Elder F. F. Wurts,
" J. Q. Williams,
" J. C. Harrison.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. J. R. Sanson,
" Henry Reeves,
Elder Garret Forman,
Rev. J. H. O'Brien,
Elder W. L. Wright,
" P. G. Fine.

AFTER THURSDAY NOON.

Rev. C. T. McMillan,
" George Swain, D.D.,
" J. Romeyn Berry, D.D.,
" E. A. Bulkley, D.D.,
" F. R. Brace,
" C. C. Parker, D.D.,
" P. W. Blattenberger,
" C. Geddes,
" J. A. L. Smith,
" Hugh Smythe,
" J. M. McNulty,
" J. M. Hunting, Jr.,
" J. A. Ferguson,
Elder Joseph Koch,
" Henry E. Hale,
" R. J. Waddell,
" H. D. Gregory,
" J. L. Headley,
" Henry Drake,
" J. Kitchell, Jr.,
" Henry P. Day,
" C. Thompson,
" A. S. Woodruff,

Rev. J. H. Clark,
" Wm. Bannard, D.D.
" John Hancock,
" J. G. Mason,
" E. P. Shields,
" J. C. Egbert,
" Ed. Dillon,
" J. P. Clarke,
" D. W. Fox,
" W. J. Henderson,
" R. B. Foresman,
" J. G. Williamson,
" W. F. Whitaker,
Elder D. F. Brands,
" Wm. Richmond,
" C. H. Albertson,
" D. H. Smith,
" I. Read Kerr,
" Thomas Russell,
" John Oliver,
" George Mullen,
" James Neafie,
" A. S. Barber.

AFTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. J. De Hart Bruen,
" J. H. Wolff,
" V. D. Reed, D.D.,
" E. P. Linnell,
" C. H. Asay,
" D. Magie, D.D.,
" James M. Barclay,
" O. A. Kingsbury,
Elder A. M. Nunn,
" W. S. Wychoff,
" J. M. Newcomb,
" S. G. Gould,
" H. M. Dalrymple,
" Wm. Woodcock,
" Job Haines,

Rev. W. A. Nordt,
" J. D. Randolph,
" H. R. Hall,
" W. F. Anderson,
" E. H. Reinhart,
" G. W. McMillan,
" George Sheldon, D.D.,
" F. Otto Zesch,
Elder W. M. Berry,
" J. B. Lunger,
" E. F. Baldwin,
" D. S. Bellis,
" W. H. Hemmingway,
" S. H. Pennington,
" C. E. Hunter,

AFTER THURSDAY EVENING.

Rev. E. B. Hodge,
" D. Deurelle,
" E. Clark Cline,
" J. H. Worcester, Jr.,
" O. B. McCurdy,
" W. W. McNair,
" A. Erdman,
Elder Philip P. Hoffman,
" John Calahan,
" Harvey Simons,
Rev. L. R. Fox,
" T. E. Davis,
" J. S. Foulke,
" Thos. Carter,
" A. Miller,
" L. E. Coyle,
Elder R. Wilson,
" J. A. Grimstead,
" C. A. Long,
" A. A. Howell, M.D.

AFTER NINE O'CLOCK FRIDAY MORNING.

Rev. A. H. Dashiell,
" D. McLaren,
" Jas. M. Denton,
" J. Allen Maxwell,
Elder Samuel Applegate,
" D. M. Stiger,
" Isaac Stevenson,
Rev. C. E. Knox, D.D.,
" R. Taylor, D.D.,
" J. A. Maxwell,
" H. H. Beadle,
Elder Jeremiah Baker,
" Nathaniel Fish,
" Wm. R. Murphy.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The roll was then called, and the names of members absent without permission, ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE.

Rev. R. Street,
" W. C. Roberts, D.D.,
" J. J. Pomeroy,
" J. C. Bliss,
" W. H. Gill,
" E. C. Ray,
" J. Rudolph,
" J. Hall McIlvaine,
" R. R. Thompson,
" J. R. Fisher,
" G. W. Cottrell,
" O. A. Kerr,
" O. H. Perry Deyo,
" James F. Brewster,
" James H. Marr,
Rev. J. C. Rankin, D.D.,
" J. A. Liggett,
" John Ewing,
" K. P. Ketcham,
" Samuel Parry,
" T. W. Hunt,
" W. E. Honeyman,
" W. H. Magie,
" S. Somerville Stubbs,
" Richard Bentley,
" A. P. Cobb,
" C. S. Newhall,
" O. Crane, M.D.,
" E. W. Stoddard,
" J. W. Cochrane,

Rev. S. B. McPherson,
" J. P. Wilson, D.D.,
" J. McLean, D.D.,
" L. H. Atwater, D.D.,
" Benj. Carrell,
" John M. Rogers,
" A. A. Hodge, D.D.,
" J. T. Duffield, D.D.,
" Geo. S. Mott, D.D.,
" A. L. Armstrong,
" Wm. Harris,
" D. R. Foster,
" J. A. Priest, D.D.,
" J. B. Kugler,
" T. S. Long,
" R. Hamill Davis, Ph.D.,
" J. E. Peters,
Elder Job S. Williams,
" Isaac Faulks,
" A. W. Kingsley, M.D.,
" T. V. Van Artsdale,
" Robert C. Brewster,
" P. H. Vernon,
" J. H. Halsey,
" Jacob Wilson,
" Lewis Ourt,
" W. K. Osborne,
" J. C. Welsh,
" Geo. W. Snow,
" John Ogden,
" Thomas McGowan,
" S. O. Harrison,
" Lorenzo Boyden,
" E. P. Nicholas,
" Richard McDowell,
" Wm. H. Cox,
" David Lee,
" Chas. A. Skillman,
" Edward Hunt,
" J. T. Reineck,
" R. H. Wilson,
" Geo. Brearley,
" David Warman,

Rev. J. L. Danner,
" J. F. Stearns, D.D.,
" C. T. Berry,
" A. T. McGill, D.D.,
" D. M. Halliday, D.D.,
" C. S. Conkling,
" J. Woodbridge, D.D.,
" N. S. Aller,
" S. M. Hamill, D.D.,
" H. G. Hinsdale,
" Geo. McCloskie, LL.D.,
" J. Thomson Osler,
" J. Van Wert Schenck,
" David Stevenson,
" H. B. Townsend,
" J. B. Woodward,
" Geo. L. Smith,
Elder S. R. Tremley,
" John C. Williams,
" Wm. Woodcock,
" O. E. Boyd,
" A. D. Hope,
" Chas. Pierson,
" W. O. Fayerweather,
" Joseph Rue,
" G. S. Reid,
" D. A. Nicholas,
" S. C. Babbitt,
" L. P. Stone,
" J. S. Brown,
" H. B. Sheldon,
" James C. Baker,
" Ira M. Harrison,
" S. B. Pickle,
" John S. Bergen,
" John T. Bird,
" John Rue,
" B. S. Johnston,
" D. C. English, M.D.,
" Frederick Vinton,
" Geo. S. Queen,
" S. C. Brown,
" H. R. Kennedy,

Elder Samuel Sherrard,
" Jesse D. Roe,
" Samuel Johnson,
Elder W. H. Hamlin.
" L. Marshall Teel,
" David Parris,
Elder John Dunning.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned, to meet in the First Church of Bridgeton, on the third Tuesday of October, 1880, at 7:30 P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and benediction.

J. B. DAVIS,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I. PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

Number of	Members	5
"	Churches	4
"	Licentiates	3
"	Candidates	7

At the semi-annual meeting at Gaboon:

July 21st, 1879. The organization of the Batanga Church, with thirty-eight members and three Ruling Elders, was reported, and the name of the Church was entered upon the roll.

July 22d, 1879. Mr. John M. Kongolo was licensed as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry, and appointed Stated Supply of the Ogove Church.

July 22d, 1879. A. B. Komanandie, a member of the Gaboon Church, and Yaka, a member of the Benita Church, were taken under the care of Presbytery as Candidates.

R. H. NASSAU, *Stated Clerk.*

II. PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth respectfully reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that it consists of fifty-two Ministers, and has under its care thirty-one Churches, two Licentiates and five Candidates. Presbytery further reports that on

Oct. 17th, 1878. It received the Rev. Wm. J. Henderson from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Dec. 5th, 1878. The Rev. Allen T. Graves departed this life, in the sixty-ninth year of his age.

Dec. 31st, 1878. It dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Henry M. Grant with the Church and Congregation of New Providence, and dismissed him to the Old Colony Congregational Association, Massachusetts.

Jan. 31st, 1879. It dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James DeHart Bruen with the Church and Congregation of Summit Central, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of West Jersey, both dissolution and dismission to take effect from the 9th of March.

April 15th, 1879. It received the Rev. Norman W. Cary from the Presbytery of St. Paul, and the Rev. William G. E. Agnew, from the Presbytery of Northumberland. On the same day it dismissed Licentiate William H. Johns to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

April 16th, 1879. It dismissed the Rev. Asahel L. Clark to the Presbytery of Hudson River; granted leave to the Rev. James W. Shearer to resign his pastoral charge of the Church and Congregation of Liberty Corner, from and after the 1st day of May, and licensed Mr. Frank J. Mundy to preach the gospel.

Sept. 15th, 1879. It dismissed Mr. Frank J. Mundy to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Oct. 7th, 1879. It received the Rev. Wm. E. Honeyman from the Presbytery of Colorado, and the Rev. John Ludlow Kendall from the Presbytery of North River.

Oct. 8th, 1879. It licensed Mr. Charles E. Cunningham to preach the gospel. On the same day it received the Rev. J. Hall McIlvaine from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and, on the 16th of the same month, installed him pastor of the Church and Congregation of Summit Central.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. RANKIN, *Stated Clerk.*

III. PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Number of	Members	34
"	Churches	27
"	Licentiates	2
"	Candidates	4

I. RECEIVED.

Nov. 4th, 1878. The Rev. Philip A. Schwartz, from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, German Reformed Church.

Nov. 25th, 1878. The Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Jan. 14th, 1879. The Rev. S. Somerville Stobbs, from the Presbytery of Montreal.

Oct. 7th, 1879. The Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Oct. 7th, 1879. The Rev. Richard Bentley, from the Presbytery of Guelph, Canada.

II. INSTALLED.

Nov. 10th, 1878. The Rev. P. A. Schwartz, over the First German Church, Paterson.

Dec. 10th, 1878. The Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D., over the Rutherford Park Church.

Jan. 21st, 1879. The Rev. S. S. Stobbs, over the Third Church of Jersey City.

III. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Nov. 25th, 1878. Between the Rev. O. B. Bidwell and the Westminster Church, Jersey City.

July 14th, 1879. Between the Rev. R. H. Wilkinson and the Hackensack Church.

Oct. 7th, 1879. Between the Rev. John Reid and the Hoboken Church.

IV. DISMISSED.

July 8th, 1879. The Rev. Thomas G. Wall, to the Presbytery of New York.

Oct. 7th, 1879. The Rev. O. B. Bidwell, to the Presbytery of New York.

V. DECEASED.

Jan. 15th, 1879. The Rev. John P. Westervelt, at Paterson, in the sixty-second year of his age.

VI. ORGANIZED.

June 5th, 1879. The Presbyterian Church of Arlington, N. J.

By order of Presbytery,

JOHN P. HALE, *Stated Clerk.*

IV. PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Number of Members	39
" Churches	42
" Candidates	2
" Licentiates	0

Oct. 18th, 1878. Organized the First Church of Keyport, N. J.

Nov. 19th, 1878. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. R. Randall Hoes to the Church of Mount Holly.

April 8th, 1879. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. R. J. Burtt to the Church of South Amboy.

April 8th, 1879. Licensed Mr. J. M. Barclay as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry.

April 8th, 1879. Dismissed Mr. J. M. Barclay to the Presbytery of Newark.

April 9th, 1879. Removed the sentence of suspension from the Rev. John Brash, and restored him to good and regular standing in the Ministry.

April 9th, 1879. Received the Rev. John H. Pratt from the Presbytery of Marion.

June 24th, 1879. Received Mr. J. A. L. Smith, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

June 24th, 1879. Ordained Mr. J. A. Livingston Smith and installed him as pastor of the Englishtown Church.

July 8th, 1879. Organized the Church of Asbury Park.

Aug. 28th, 1879. Installed the Rev. Rufus Taylor, D.D., as pastor of the Church of South Amboy.

Oct. 7th, 1879. Dismissed the Rev. John Brash to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Oct. 7th, 1879. Dismissed the Rev. J. Hall McIlvaine to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Received Rev. John E. Peters from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

By order of Presbytery,

J. B. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

V. PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange consists of forty-eight Ministers, and has under its care thirty-eight Churches and two Candidates.

Oct. 15th, 1879. Rev. Wm. W. Halloway was received from the Presbytery of Lansing, and Rev. George Loock

from the Presbytery of Hudson. The Church of Lower Valley was, by the Synod, transferred from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and its pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Henderson, was dismissed by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

March 3d, 1879. Rev. R. S. Feagles resigned his pastoral charge of the Church of Mount Freedom.

April 8th, 1879. Rev. J. L. Danner resigned his pastoral charge of the Church of East Orange.

April 9th, 1879. Received the Rev. John Crowell, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newcastle.

July 10th, 1879. Received Frantz Hartig, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Newark, and ordained and installed him pastor of the German Church of Pleasant Valley.

July 15th, 1879. Ordained and installed Wm. F. Anderson pastor of the Church of Chatham.

Sept. 16th, 1879. Received S. J. McPherson, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Rochester, and Frank J. Mundy, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Sept. 24th, 1879. Ordained and installed Mr. Mundy pastor of the Church of Stirling, and Mr. McPherson pastor of the Church of East Orange.

B. C. MEGIE, *Stated Clerk.*

VI. PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Number of	Members	46
"	Churches	22
"	Candidates	27
"	Licentiates	6

Jan. 18th, 1879. Rev. Horatio N. Brinsmade, D.D., departed this life, aged eighty years.

Feb. 25th, 1879. Rev. Enos A. Osborne died, aged eighty-seven years.

April 1st, 1879. Received as a Candidate Mr. Robert Thompson.

April 1st, 1879. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Prentis De Veuve to the Park Church, Newark.

April 2d, 1879. Licensed Messrs. Hollis B. Frissell, Edward L. Curtis and Robert B. Clarke.

April 2d, 1879. Dismissed Mr. Wm. R. Lord, as a Licentiate, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

April 15th, 1879. Received Mr. James M. Barclay, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

May 9th, 1879. Ordained Mr. James M. Barclay and installed him pastor of the Wickliffe Church, Newark.

June 3d, 1879. Licensed Messrs. James H. Darlington and Franz Hartig.

June 3d, 1879. Dismissed Mr. Franz Hartig, as a Licentiate, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

June 21st, 1879. Rev. Ebenezer Seymour died, aged years.

Oct. 3d, 1879. Received as Candidates, Messrs. John W. Freeman, John S. Fismer, Erdman De Lorme and Charles E. Kaemerer.

Oct. 7th, 1879. Dismissed Mr. Robert B. Clarke, as a Licentiate, to the Presbytery of Waterloo.

Oct. 7th, 1879. Received Rev. J. Clement French, D.D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Oct. 8th, 1879. Received as Candidates, Messrs. Frederick Erhardt, Henry B. Manser, Philip Vollmer and Gustave Goebel.

Oct. 16th, 1879. Installed Rev. J. Clement French as pastor of the Park Church, Newark.

By order of Presbytery,

WM. T. FINDLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

VII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Reports to the Synod of New Jersey that it consists of sixty-five Ministers and has under its care thirty-three Churches, three Licentiates and seventeen Candidates.

It further reports the following:

I. MINISTERS RECEIVED.

Dec. 16th, 1878. Rev. J. P. W. Blattenberger, after due examination, formerly a Minister in the M. E. Church, Newark Conference.

April 8th, 1879. Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, D.D., from Presbytery of Philadelphia.

April 8th, 1879. Rev. John F. McLaren, from Presbytery of Los Angeles.

April 28th, 1879. Rev. S. Stanhope Orris, from Presbytery of Athens.

July 17th, 1879. Rev. John S. Foulke, from Presbytery of Northumberland.
Oct. 7th, 1879. Rev. William D. Robeson, from Presbytery of Lackawanna.

II. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

Nov. 14th, 1878. Rev. William Swan, to Presbytery of Genesee.
Dec. 28th, 1878. Rev. George L. Smith, to Presbytery of West Jersey.
July 28th, 1879. Rev. Adrian Westveer, to South Classis of Long Island.

III. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Nov. 14th, 1878. Rev. William Swan, with Church at Stockton.
Dec. 28th, 1878. Rev. George L. Smith, with Ewing Church.
April 8th, 1879. Rev. Thomas Nichols, with First Church, New Brunswick.
July 28th, 1879. Rev. Adrian Westveer, with Dayton Church.
Oct. 7th, 1879. Rev. Minot S. Morgan, with Church at Hopewell.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

Dec. 31st, 1878. Rev. J. P. W. Blattenberger, Pastor Amwell First Church.
April 22d, 1879. Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, D.D., Pastor Ewing Church.
July 22d, 1879. Rev. John S. Foulke, Pastor Stockton Church.
Oct. 19th, 1879. Rev. William D. Robeson, Pastor Witherspoon Street Church, Princeton.

V. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

April 8th, 1879. Thomas E. Green and Andreas C. Zenos.
April 28th, 1879. James C. Elliott, John A. Ainslee and Harrison Clark.

VI. CANDIDATES LICENSED.

April 28th, 1879. J. A. Livingston Smith, William N. Chambers, Duncan McKenzie, Norbury W. Thornton, Thomas M. Findley.

VII. CANDIDATES DISMISSED.

March 4th, 1879. David Laughlin, to Presbytery of Baltimore.
April 28th, 1879. Thomas E. Green, to Presbytery of Cairo.
May 5th, 1879. James C. Elliott, to Presbytery of Shenango.

VIII. LICENTIATES DISMISSED.

Mar. 12th, 1879. Malcolm Cameron, to Presbytery of Toronto, Canada.
May 30th, 1879. Duncan McKenzie, to Presbytery of Pictou, N. S.

May 30th, 1879. William N. Chambers, to Presbytery of Paris, Ontario.
May 30th, 1879. J. A. Livingston Smith, to Presbytery of Monmouth.
Sept. 3d, 1879. Norbury W. Thornton, to Presbytery of Iowa City.

IX. NAME OF LICENTIATE DROPPED FROM THE ROLL.

April 8th, 1879. Alexander W. McLeod, having been ordained by the Presbytery of Feuro, Nova Scotia, without taking his dismission.

X. NAME OF MINISTER ERASED FROM THE ROLL.

April 8th, 1879. Rev. John Miller.

XI. MINISTER DECEASED.

Jan. 12th, 1879. Rev. Ravaud Kearney Rodgers, D.D., who departed this life at Athens, Georgia, in the eighty-third year of his age.

By order of Presbytery,

A. L. ARMSTRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

The Presbytery of Newton reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that it consists of thirty-five Ministers, and has, under its care, thirty-four Churches, three Licentiates, and four Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. It further reports the following:

I. MINISTERS RECEIVED.

April 8th, 1879. Rev. Charles P. Glover, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.
April 9th, 1879. Rev. Robert J. Burtt, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.
Oct. 7th, 1879. Rev. John C. Clyde, from the Presbytery of Chester.
Oct. 7th, 1879. Rev. J. Edwin Miller, from the Presbytery of Abingdon, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

II. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

Dec. 17th, 1878. Rev. Caleb H. Rodney, to the Presbytery of Newcastle.
June 11th, 1879. Rev. Isaac H. Condit, to the Presbytery of Oregon.
Sept. 29th, 1879. Rev. H. Brown Scott, to the Presbytery of Westminster.

III. PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

Dec. 17th, 1878. Rev. Caleb H. Rodney, with the Church of Marksboro'.

Jan. 1st, 1879. Rev. H. Brown Scott, with the Church of Bloomsbury.

April 9th, 1879. Rev. Daniel Deruelle, with the Church of Hope.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

April 20th, 1879. Rev. Charles P. Glover, Pastor of the Second Church of Wantage.

May 6th, 1879. Rev. Robert J. Burtt, Pastor of the Church of Marksboro'.

V. ORDINATION.

June 11th, 1879. Mr. Isaac H. Condit, as an Evangelist.

VI. CANDIDATE RECEIVED BY CERTIFICATE.

April 9th, 1879. Mr. James W. Hawks, from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville.

VII. CANDIDATE RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

Sept. 29th, 1879. Mr. Peter F. Wyckoff.

VIII. CANDIDATE LICENSED.

Sept. 29th, 1879. Mr. Peter F. Wyckoff.

By order of the Presbytery.

E. CLARKE CLINE, *Stated Clerk.*

IX. PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Members	40
Churches	39
Candidates	6
Licentiates	2

April 16th, 1879. Received Rev. G. L. Smith, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

April 16th, 1879. Rev. A. S. Vaughn, from the Presbytery of Chester.

April 16th, 1879. Rev. J. De Hart Bruen, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

April 16th, 1879. Dissolved the Pastoral relations as follows: Between Rev. H. L. Mayers and the Church of Millville. Between Rev. Thomas S. Dewing and the Church of Cold Spring. Between Rev. Edwin D. Newberry and the Church of Haddonfield.

April 16th, 1879. Dismissed Rev. W. T. Doubleday to the Presbytery of Binghamton. Dismissed Rev. S. H. Thompson, to the Presbytery of Long Island.

April 17th, 1879. Installed Rev. Mr. Bruen Pastor at Clayton.

April 25th, 1879. Installed Rev. Mr. Smith Pastor of Cedarville, First.

Aug. 26th, 1879. Dissolved pastoral relation between Rev. Augustus Frederick and the Church at Swedesboro'.

Oct. 8th, 1879. Between Rev. Alexander Scotland and Williamstown Church.

Oct. 8th, 1879. Received William H. Johns, Licentiate, from Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Oct. 8th, 1879. Dismissed Rev. E. M. Kellogg, to the Presbytery of Boston. Rev. T. S. Dewing, to the Presbytery of Newcastle. Rev. A. Frederick, to the Presbytery of Champlain.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Dismissed Rev. J. E. Peters, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Oct. 22d, 1879. Received Mr. Clearfield Park, as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Newton.

By order of Presbytery.

EDWARD P. SHIELDS, *Stated Clerk.*

II.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1879.

The Narrative of the State of Religion is sometimes regarded as of small value, and receives little attention, whereas it is as important a report as can be presented to this Synod on any subject, for it is designed to furnish a view of the state of religion in our Churches; it purports to give our successes and our failures, whether the Lord's cause progresses or retrogrades. In short, it is a rendering the account of our stewardship. Such a service may well be regarded with profound interest. Indeed, is it not really a religious act? It is not the mere reading of a tabular statement; we present our work to the Lord of the Vineyard for inspection. Should it not be done with humility, even though with thanksgiving?

In membership, our Synod is the *second* in the Assembly, hence the facts presented by our survey may be taken as a fair and correct representation of the state of our Church in general. The year has not been marked by special tokens of prosperity; and yet we are often highly favored when we can hold that which we have. So it has been among our Churches. No large vintage has been gathered from the vines, but we hope there has been a growth at the roots and a strengthening of those things which remain. There is reason to believe that our congregations have been favored with faithful preaching of the Word, which has edified believers and resulted, in nearly every Church, in the conversion of a few. The Word of the Lord has not returned void. Some congregations have been enlarged, and in very few instances is a decrease reported. We believe that our pastors have not spared themselves to bestow upon their people the very best of their gifts and attainments. They have recognized the call for hard work, and they have given it, and, though commensurate results have not yet appeared, this work is not in vain in the Lord. Indications of vigorous spiritual life are shown here and there. The Presbyteries of Monmouth and of Morris and Orange report several Churches in which increased interest in the prayer meeting has been manifested. From the Presbytery of New Brunswick come accounts of considerable ingatherings, especially in the Churches of Amwell First, Amwell United First, Fifth Trenton, Hopewell. In these revivals there was a resort only to the ordinary means of grace. In the Presbytery of

Morris and Orange, the Churches of Rockaway, Boonton, Morris Plains and Dover rejoice in enlarged additions.

Most encouraging reports are sent up respecting Sabbath School work. There has been diligence on the part of teachers and officers, and with gratifying results. The Catechism is more and more generally taught. In the Presbytery of Monmouth, one pastor has it recited in Church. The attendance on the sessions of the schools is large and generally increasing. Last year this Synod reported to the Assembly three thousand more scholars than in 1875. Teachers' meetings are becoming more general. The schools are exhibiting deeper interest in Missionary Work. Several Churches of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange have put forth special efforts to attract young men to religious services, and with encouraging results. It would seem that our Sabbath Schools were never in a more hopeful and healthful condition.

The past year has been marked as the most severe of that period of financial depression, which we now hope is closing. Many who were the most generous contributors to benevolent objects, have been greatly crippled. Considering this, it is a matter of gratitude that the reports are so favorable in respect to benevolence. While there has been a general falling off, some Churches have increased the amount of their contributions. This matter will be fully treated in the report on Systematic Benevolence. It is due to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society that our Foreign Board has been so well remembered. Their work deserves the earnest commendation of Synod and the hearty co-operation of our pastors.

In several Presbyteries, Church debts have been paid or largely diminished. It is greatly encouraging to learn that the walls of the sanctuary have not been neglected under the pressure of the times. Presbytery of Newark reports the erection of three commodious chapels. In the Presbytery of Jersey City, two Churches have been repaired and beautified, and Morris and Orange reports the same number. Monmouth reports a new Church in process of erection, and a chapel for a mission school by another congregation. West Jersey tells of Churches and parsonages repaired and enlarged. The Presbytery of Newton rejoices in the liberality of an individual who has put the Church of Delaware in possession of a fine parsonage, and the Presbytery of New Brunswick has the same to state about Second Princeton. The far-away Presbytery of Corisco, in Africa, sends the most encouraging report of all the Presbyteries of this Synod. The Church at Benita states: "The members are earnest in regard to their duty of attending the services. They make commendable effort in helping forward the extension of the Gospel and self-support." The Gaboon Church reports an increase in collections and thank-offerings.

The attendance of children, women and young men from the native towns is excellent. Rev. R. H. Nassau expresses great cause for gratitude and joyful expectations.

And now we must turn to two topics which bring sadness to our hearts—the continued *prevalence of intemperance and the increased desecration of the Sabbath*. Monmouth laments a not "flattering aspect of the temperance cause; we are scarcely more than holding our own." West Jersey states: "Some of our communities have been aroused and have succeeded in increasing the public sentiment in favor of prohibition, while in others that sentiment holds its own and the sale of liquor is still successfully prevented. Aside from our Summer resorts of the sea coast, the cause of temperance is gaining ground." Elizabeth states that "The temperance work is again a prominent feature." Jersey City "Deplores the intrusion of unauthorized and injudicious laborers, who have worked mischief and with whom co-operation was impracticable." Newark reports, "Public attention has been renewedly called to the evil of intemperance, and, during the past year, this cause and that of the observance of the Christian Sabbath have been prominently brought into notice, especially in the city of Newark, by the judicious efforts of the friends of law and order, and very much good has been done in that direction." Temperance receives increased attention in six of the congregations of Morris and Orange. Two Presbyteries experience, in a special manner, the evils of Sabbath desecration. From Monmouth we learn, "Where our own people are disposed to keep it, in some measure as they should, the large foreign population that is among us during the Summer, to a great degree counteract our efforts to improve the observance of the Lord's day." West Jersey thus expresses its indignation: "We notice that the Church at Atlantic City has been greatly grieved by the Sabbath desecration during the past Summer, and by the drunkenness and vice flowing from the many licensed saloons in that otherwise delightful Summer resort. The opening of the fair at Egg Harbor on the Sabbath, in violation of the time-honored custom and distinct laws of our State, is an insult to every Christian citizen within the bounds of this Presbytery, and a serious blow not only at the American Sabbath, but at the majesty of law itself." Aside from our Summer resorts at the sea coast, the Sabbath is observed as of old. Probably the main cause of this desecration of our precious Sabbath is found in the running of excursion trains and boats from the two great cities on that day. Undoubtedly considerable disorder comes from those who are more or less permanent boarders. These may amuse themselves in various ways on the Sabbath, and perhaps we ought not to interfere with their personal liberty. Their conduct is a grief to God's people, and

their example most pernicious, yet it may be impracticable to interfere with them. But the Sunday excursion trains pour out a flood of those who seek saloons and destroy the quiet of the holy day. It may be very difficult to prevent these excursions, but when God's people determinately contend for righteousness, relying upon the promise of the Lord of the Sabbath, this mountain can be removed. Has not the time therefore come when this large Synod, which ought be very potent for law and order and religion, should throw the weight of its influence in behalf of the Sabbath, and go to the help of those, who, in different parts of the State, are contending almost alone? Confronting on either side, as does this Synod, the two largest cities of our continent, and possessing within itself a numerous, intelligent and influential membership, covering a commonwealth not so small as to be disregarded, nor so large as to be unmoved by a common impulse, does not Providence, by the very position we occupy, impose on us a special duty to restore the barriers once erected against Sabbath desecration? Should not a pastoral letter be prepared by this Synod, to be read in all our Churches, that should arouse all Christians to a concerted and mighty effort to rescue from its imminent perils our beloved Sabbath? Shall New Jersey, so long noted for a noble adherence to a strict administration of good and wise laws, succumb to the clamor of a foreign population, or be cowed by corporations, or be enticed by the love of gain? "Consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds."—JUDGES xix, 30.

We close by calling to remembrance those whose faces we shall no more see in the flesh. Five Ministers and five Ruling Elders have passed away. The Presbytery of Newton reports the departure by death of the Rev. John A. Reiley. After a pastorate of twenty-one years over the Church at Blairstown, during nine of which he was also pastor of Knowlton, he went to Louisiana in the year 1866. Although there he was not settled over a Church, yet he labored, at his own expense, as a Missionary, chiefly among the colored people. He was a victim to that terrible scourge, the yellow fever, which devastated the southern part of the Mississippi Valley, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home near Clinte, Louisiana, September 30th, 1878, in the sixty-third year of his age, and the thirty-third of his ministry. Robert S. Kennedy, long a Ruling Elder of the Church at Stewartsville, Moses Lanterman and John Lennington, of the Church at Sparta, also Ruling Elders, have passed to their reward.

From the Presbytery of Newark, the Head of the Church has called to Himself Rev. H. N. Brinsmade, D.D., in the eighty-first year of his age. Thirty of the fifty-five years of his long and faithful ministry were spent in the city of Newark, where he endeared himself to the

people by his affectionate and devout life and his useful labors. He entered into rest January 18th, 1879. Also, from the same Presbytery, Rev. Enos A. Osborn, who died February 25th, 1879, aged eighty-seven, and Rev. Ebenezer Seymour, June 21st, 1879, aged seventy-nine. For many years he was Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City, the Master has called to himself Rev. John P. Westervelt, who died January 15th, 1879, aged sixty-one

The Second Church of Morristown laments the loss of Isaac R. Noyes, who, for twenty years, had been highly esteemed as a Ruling Elder and who had filled that office previously in the old Rutgers Street Church, New York. Levi Drinkwater, of New Vernon, in the same Presbytery, has also departed this life.

From the honored fathers of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, another has closed a long and faithful service. The voice of Ravaud K. Rodgers will never again be heard in this Synod. God took him on the 12th of January, 1879, at the ripe age of eighty-two. Two years ago he was at this Synod, and then his strength seemed scarcely abated. He was the same cheerful, warm-hearted man as ever. In his last days the physicians could discover no disease, but he grew weaker and gradually sank away. For nearly forty-nine years he was a member of this Synod. For thirty-six years he held the position of Stated Clerk. No one could have performed the duties of that office more diligently or more satisfactorily; and when, after those years of service, he laid down his pen, this Synod honored itself and cheered its faithful Scribe by bestowing on him a testimonial of its esteem.

In the year 1818, three young men bowed their heads with the graduating class that received the parting blessing of Princeton Seminary. Two entered the pastoral office. One was retained in the Seminary as a teacher, and spent his whole life there, and passed, in June, 1878, to the presence of that Saviour on whose bosom he leaned from boyhood to fourscore. Dr. Rodgers went to the West as a Missionary and then to Glen's Falls, N. Y. After twelve years he became a co-presbyter with his classmate, Dr. Hodge, and lingered in the flesh seven months longer than his life-long friend. The other, and the oldest of the three, still survives, remarkable for the vigor of his body and an unimpaired mind. Dr. Wm. D. Snodgrass is yet the beloved pastor of the large Church in Goshen, N. Y., where, every Sabbath, he preaches that Jesus whom he has served in the ministry for sixty-one years.

GEORGE S. MOTT, *Chairman.*

III.—REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

There are some encouraging facts which your committee desire to note as we ask your attention to the Benevolent Work of the Synod during the past year. One of these is the careful consideration which our Church Work is receiving in all our Presbyteries, and the faithful endeavor of committees and pastors to bring the Churches up to a higher standard of giving. Another pleasant item to record is the increase of gifts in the Presbyteries of Corisco, Jersey City, Monmouth and Newark. It is also a comfort to know, that although the gifts of the Synod, as a whole, have decreased in amount as compared with last year, the falling off is less than it was in 1878, viz.: $2,255 as compared with $13,514.

Besides this, we are glad to state that all the Churches in *two* of our Presbyteries have given to all the eight objects of benevolence which our Church has pledged itself to support. *These are the only Presbyteries among the 179* of which this can be said. Corisco stood alone last year, a prophecy of the time when all Africa shall conform to Christian customs. New Brunswick, with its thirty-three Churches, now follows—a worthy teacher for the rest of our Church. Yet, in spite of these things which denote progress, we shall see, as we come to detailed figures, that there is much room for improvement and much need of continued labor.

1. We ask you first to notice blank spaces, showing failures to give to the Assembly's objects:

	CHURCHES.		FULL COL.		NO. OF BLANKS.		
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	
Corisco	3	3	3	3	0	0	
New Brunswick	32	33	29	33	3	0	
Monmouth	41	41	26	25	72	81—	9 inc.
Newton	34	34	22	19	44	51—	7 inc.
Morris and Orange	38	38	22	18	73	84—	11 inc.
Newark	22	22	5	7	53	41—	12 dec.
Elizabeth	30	31	17	13	50	46—	4 dec.
Jersey City	26	26	6	7	89	86—	3 dec.
West Jersey	39	39	16	14	120	119—	1 dec.
Total	265	267	146	139	504	508	

We see from this table, that of 2,136 blanks to be filled—that is, of that number of channels for the water of life—508 were left empty.

This leaves us, in this respect, just where we were last year—a loss of one collection out of every four and two-tenths of these opportunities to do good. Last year, 146 Churches had full columns; this year, only 139. In 1878, 119; in 1879, 128 neglected one or more of these important objects. Quite a number of our Churches omitted even the Home and Foreign Missions, objects of almost undisputed merit and importance, viz.: in Presbytery of Jersey City, six omitted Home and six Foreign Missions; in Monmouth, the same number neglected both; in Morris and Orange, five omitted each; in Newark, one forgot Foreign Missions; in Newton, three left out both; in West Jersey, six allowed their country and nine the world to pass by without a gift; altogether, twenty-six Churches gave nothing to Home Missions; thirty gave nothing to Foreign Missions. There is a feeling in the minds of some that too much is made in this day of filling all the blanks, of contributing to all the objects recommended by the Assembly. It is objected to the voice of authority in this matter, as interfering with the individual liberty of Pastors and Churches. It is urged that feeble Churches have enough to do to take care of their own support. It is said that certain objects are important and that others ought not to be on the list, and shall not be supported. It is felt to be unfair, if a Church gives largely to almost every object and omits one or two, that it should be counted as delinquent.

These objections may have some force in particular cases. There never was a law in this evil world, with power enough to bind, that did not squeeze somebody. The Gospel law of self-denial seems to work hardship often. It certainly is no great punishment to Churches who omit certain causes to ask for the reasons of such omissions to be given to the body that has authority over them. The large Churches which do so are well able to bear the trial of examination. The small Churches need the development which the frequent exercise of giving to outside objects will bring, as the babe needs to kick and throw its arms as well as to hang on the breast. In all societies, the minority must yield their opinions to the majority. We must obey laws that we do not fully approve, when they do not command what is morally wrong. We do not refuse to pay our taxes because the policy of the government is shaped by a party that we oppose. If we are thus loyal to the State, much more ought we to be to the Church.

Some of our most important causes would have failed in the past, if individual opinion had been allowed too great sway. When a certain Presbytery asked the Scotch General Assembly, fifty years ago, to order a collection in the Churches, one Minister said that the proposal was a matter for discipline. Many in our Churches to-day object to the collection for Foreign Missions. If brethren think any of these

collections unnecessary, let them use every means to have them stricken from the list, but meanwhile let them obey the law! Holding these views, your committee asks that the following recommendation be sent to the Churches to be read from pulpits:

Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey hereby exhorts every pastor and session under its care to give opportunity, at least once a year, to the Church over which they are set, to contribute to the eight objects recommended by the Assembly, and it also urges Presbyteries to call the roll of Churches failing to comply with this direction and ask for the reason of their omission.

While your committee consider this matter important to the welfare of the Benevolent Work of the Church, we do not believe that it is all that should be aimed at. When a man goes regularly to Church, the work for his soul has only begun. Not until every member gives as well as every Church, not until each gives the proper amount (as God prospers), not until each gives systematically, not until each gives with proper motives, will the perfect standard be reached. We hope, therefore, that committees, pastors and sessions will have a higher aim than the mere filling of blanks, and will go on unto perfection simply regarding this as a means to the end.

2. The continued need of attention to this subject will appear when we look at the *amounts* given by each Presbytery to the eight departments of Church Work as reported to General Assembly:

			(Deduct 1-10 of communicants.)	
PRESBYTERIES.	FOR 1878.	AVERAGE.	FOR 1879.	AVERAGE.
Corisco	$324	$1.00	$360	$1.18
Elizabeth	17,415	3.00	16,543	2.80
Jersey City	9,950	2.57	11,817	3.18
Monmouth	7,758	1.76	7,969	1.94
Morris and Orange	25,481	4.40	21,923	3 65
Newark	31,844	5.35	35,341	5.97
New Brunswick	20,025	3.28	19,087	3.03
Newton	8,665	1.79	6,712	1.41
West Jersey	7,714	1.79	7,169	1.57
Whole Synod	$129,176	$3.12	$126,921	$2.77
Decrease			2,255	.35

In the average of gifts per member for 1879, the Presbyteries follow this order: Newark ($5.97), Morris and Orange ($3.65), Jersey City ($3.18), New Brunswick ($3.03), Elizabeth ($2.80), Monmouth ($1.94), West Jersey ($1.57), Newton ($1.41), Corisco ($1.18). The Presby-

teries of Corisco, Jersey City, Monmouth and Newark have increased in the amount given, the largest increase being in Newark Presbytery. The greatest decrease is to be found, as last year, in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, amounting to $3,558. The reason for this is to be partly found in the fact that there was a large increase in the miscellaneous gifts of that Presbytery from contributions to the sufferers from yellow fever. In the average of gifts per member, Newark has increased 62 cents and Jersey City 61 cents. The average of gifts per member to the Assembly's objects, for the whole Church, was, last year, $2.18, an increase over the preceding year of four cents. The average for this Synod was $2.77 per member, a decrease of 35 cents. According to this average, our Synod stands third, New York giving $4.98 per communicant; Baltimore, $4.09; New Jersey, $2.77; Albany, $2.64; Philadelphia, $2.60. The Presbytery of Newark stands third of the 179 in this matter. New York gives $14.84; Baltimore, $10.63; Newark, $5.97; Westchester, $5.04; Oregon, $4.67; Chicago, $3.96; Cleveland, $3.93; Philadelphia, $3.82; Detroit, $3.79; Morris and Orange, $3.65.

For all Church Work, including congregational expenses, the Synod gave in 1878, $843,799—average, $20.11; in 1879. $828.872—average, $19.93. Decrease, $15,927; decrease last year, $38,697.

3. It will be interesting to hear briefly how the work has been carried on in some of the Presbyteries during the year. The representative for Jersey City reports: "Our Presbytery has improved during the year. The improvement, it is true, is slight, yet it is worthy of mention. Some of our Churches, especially the German Churches, which have neglected to take collections, are now beginning to appreciate the duty and the privilege of exercising this Christian grace. We believe that this is due to the fidelity of the Pastors, and, as most of these Pastors are from the School at Bloomfield, much credit belongs there, for there must have been excellent training in the practical work of our American Church to lead these brethren to appreciate the place which we assign to beneficence. . . I think that in most of our Churches there is some systematic giving."

There is no Presbytery within our bounds where more earnest and efficient effort is made to stimulate and instruct the people on this subject than that of Newton. When a circular was issued to Pastors and Sessions, in the Winter, by the Synod's Committee, the committee in Newton Presbytery took pains to send one of their own to accompany and explain it, and the reports made by their chairman are models of conciseness and fullness. In the report of last Spring, while recognizing the falling off in gifts, he says: "We are convinced that

there has been gain in interest and efficiency." He also states in his letter to the chairman of this committee, that two of the Pastors have recently acknowledged to him that he has awakened in them a higher appreciation of the importance of systematic giving.

Morris and Orange continues to make much of the presentation of important phases of Church Work at its regular meetings. At the Spring meeting, Dr. Ellinwood gave a stirring address on Foreign Missions, and, in the Fall, the Monthly Concert was discussed, and the Chairman of Synod's Committee on Church Extension gave an account of Home Mission Work in New Jersey.

The member of the committee from the Presbytery of Newark was appointed Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Benevolence, and did efficient work in that capacity.

Of West Jersey it may be stated that, while the contributions to objects of benevolence have fallen off, the amount given to all objects has increased. In the other Presbyteries, while there are no special points to notice, the subject has not been neglected.

4. The average amount given per communicant for each department of Church Work, is as follows:

	1878.	1879.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
Home Missions	$1.12	$1.17	.05	....
Foreign Missions	1.03	.95	....	.08
Education	.31	.31	....	....
Publication	.10	.08	....	.02
Church Erection	.10	.24	.14	....
Relief Fund	.12	.13	.01	....
Freedmen	.11	.12	.01	....
Sustentation	.06	.05	....	.01

There has been thus an increase in four objects and a decrease in three, one remaining the same.

In the great causes of Home and Foreign Missions the Presbyteries show the following order and averages: Home Missions—Newark, $3.41; Morris and Orange, $1.19; New Brunswick, $1.11; Elizabeth, 86 cents; Jersey City, 72 cents; West Jersey, 59 cents; Monmouth, 50 cents; Newton, 35 cents; Corisco, 18 cents. For Foreign Missions—Morris and Orange, $1.50; Newark, $1.21; New Brunswick, 98 cents; Jersey City, 96 cents; Elizabeth, 94 cents; Corisco, 79 cents; Newton, 62 cents; Monmouth, 58 cents; West Jersey, 51 cents.

5. Amount given by Synod to each of the Boards, and amount received from each:

	CONTRIBUTED BY SYNOD.		EXPENDED IN SYNOD.	
	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.
Home Missions.....	$19,967	$18,796	$9,238	$6,916
Foreign Missions.....	23,555	21,777	.....	.....
Education	4,365	4,850	4,559	3,796
Publication.....	3,604	3,180	1,155	994
Church Erection.....	4,526	7,404	2,050	19,044
Relief Fund.....	5,172	1,768	3,750	4,500
Freedmen	4,727	3,059	.....	.....
Sustentation	2,043	2,128	387	1,486
	$67,959	$62,962	$21,139	$36,736

We see from these figures that more than one-half of the amount given by Synod to Benevolent Work went through other channels than those which we have promised to support. The Boards received $62,962; there was given in other ways to the same objects, $63,959. This is a growing evil, as a smaller amount proportionately went through these regular channels this year than last. This is like a father spending more than one-half his income upon his own person, while his family were crying out for the necessaries of life. The fact that five times as much is spent in this Synod and in the Church at large, for the support of our individual Churches, is another commentary on our ecclesiastical selfishness.

Many of our Church tables are loaded with luxuries while the millions of the spiritually poor beyond our bounds are starving for the bread of life, and He stands with them who will one day say to those that feed them not, "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat." Deducting what was spent by the Boards within our bounds, we find that only $26,226 was contributed to objects of benevolence at a distance. Last year $46,820 was sent beyond our limits.

6. We have one or two facts connected with the history of the committee's work to note in closing.

In accordance with the standing rule unanimously adopted at the last meeting of Synod, this committee acted with the Committee of Arrangements in this place in arranging speakers and topics for the afternoon and evening of the second day.

We have also to remind you that your overture sent up to the General Assembly, asking for the appointment of a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence met with acceptance in that body and led to the immediate appointing of such committee. That committee met

during the Summer and drew up a circular which has been presented to you in the Presbyterial meetings. Several of our Presbyteries have already re-organized their Committees of Benevolence in accordance with its suggestions, and we now recommend:

1. That the Committee of Systematic Beneficence of this Synod hereafter consist of nine members, one for each of the Boards of the Church and a chairman to represent the general subject of benevolence and to oversee and direct the whole.

2. We recommend that another member be elected by Synod to complete this number.

3. We recommend that a Nominating Committee be appointed to name the new member of the committee and that it have power to elect its own chairman.

We recommend also that the chairman of this committee have authority from Synod to issue yearly to the Churches a circular containing such facts and figures on the Work of Benevolence in the Synod as shall keep the people informed on the subject.

We are well aware that many think such papers fit only for the waste-basket, but experience has shown their value in some cases. The address sent by this committee last Winter was issued only to Pastors and Sessions, as there had been no direct authority from Synod for sending it out. But the Session of the First Church of Elizabeth appreciated it sufficiently to request a copy for every pew. Recently the chairman of your committee read a circular from the Board of Foreign Missions from his pulpit, on the occasion of collecting for that Board. A lady, belonging to another denomination, afterwards informed him that while she had resolved to give twenty-five cents, the facts presented caused her to empty her pocket-book, to the amount of three and a half dollars.

Brethren, God can use anything, however dry and hard. He can bring oil out of the rock and turn the dry ground into water-springs. He can make the stones cry out, and we pray that He may use for good the facts and figures which we now leave with you. "I was hungry and ye gave me meat."

(Signed,)

I. W. COCHRAN, Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
J. P. WILSON, " Newark.
H. M. BOOTH, " Jersey City.
W. H. RHOBERTS, " Elizabeth.
W. A. HOLLIDAY, " Newton.
J. G. SYMMES, " Monmouth.
F. D. HARRIS, " West Jersey.
THOS. NICHOLS, " New Brunswick.

IV. — REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR WORK IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For Woman's Foreign Missionary Work, the two hundred Societies and Bands within the Synod of New Jersey in the year ending April, 1879, gave $18,880.54. From the Presbytery of Corisco we have no report, but the gifts of many little Churches on heathen soil would put to shame those in our own Christian land. All but seven of those two hundred societies report through the Woman's Board in Philadelphia; the others report to New York.

The Presbyterial Society of Elizabeth raised	$3,221.48
" " " Jersey City "	1,806.28
" " " Monmouth "	947.56
" " " Newark "	4,821.07
" " " New Brunswick raised	2,929.18
" " " Newton "	1,167.50
" " " West Jersey "	987.67
Societies in Morris and Orange sent to New York	956.58
" " " " Philadelphia	2,043.22
Total	$18,880.54

We had hoped for more, but, counting out nearly $1,700 of this, a legacy left by Mrs. Sophia Dodd, of Bloomfield, it is less than was given the year before, and we feel as the Disciples did in that desert place of Bethsaida, when the Lord, seeing the weary, hungry multitude, having compassion on them, said to His Disciples, "Give ye them to eat," and they said, "We have here but five barley loaves and two small fishes. What are they among so many?"

The constant miracle is that so much can be done with so little. There are twenty Missionaries wholly or in part sustained, seventeen Bible readers and native teachers, twenty schools of various kinds, and ninety scholarships supported. These beloved Missionaries are Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Holcomb, Miss Seward, Mrs. McGilvary, Mrs. and Miss Happer, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Leaman, Mrs. Capp, Mrs. Nevius, Mrs. Murray, Miss Eddy, Miss Nassau, Miss Kuhl, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Culbertson. Their work is done in Allahabad, Farrukhabad, Dehra, Mynpoorie, Futtehgurh, Kolapoor, Lahore, Woodstock and Lodiana, in India; Chiengmai, Petchaburi and Bangkok, in Siam; Canton, Hangchow, Ningpo, Tungchow, Soochow, Shantung, Chufoo, Shanghai and Chenanfoo, in

China; Tokio and Yokohama, in Japan; Teheran and Oroomiah, in Persia; Sidon, Zahleh, Saghliro, Jedaida, Beirut and Hamath, in Syria; Gaboon, Corisco, Ogoove and Benita, in Africa; Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Bogota, United States of Columbia, in South America; Mexico City in Mexico; and Chinese San Francisco in California.

All these desert places of the earth are crowded with human souls famishing for the Bread of Life, far from their Father's House, the night of death coming down upon them. We hear the Master's voice saying, "Give *ye* them to eat!" We have only this little store of barley loaves and fishes. *What are they among so many?* He does not refuse them because they are not enough. He says, "Bring them hither to *Me!*" and, looking up to Heaven, He blesses and breaks, and all the great starving multitude is filled. Let us make all our offerings through Him, looking for the heavenly blessing, and expecting to see marvelous things done by the miracle-working power of a compassionate Saviour's love.

MARGARET M. HODGE,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Officers of the Society for the current year are:

President—Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth.
Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Scribner, Plainfield.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. A. Hodge, Princeton.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Caspar, Salem.

V.—REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The receipts from October 15th, 1878, to October 15th, 1879, so far as ascertained, are as follows:

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Value Boxes.	Money.	Total Am'ts.
Elizabeth	8	$326.00	$480.08	$806.08
Jersey City	3	526.29	60.20	586.49
Monmouth	9	612.00	206.25	818.25
Newark	4	928.00	310.00	1,238.00
New Brunswick	14	2,237.03	754.97	2,992.00
Newton	10	150.00	209.09	264.09
West Jersey	7	No report.	540.64	540.64
	55	$4,779.32	$2,561.23	$7,340.55

From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, so far as known, four Churches have sent $217.00 to the Ladies' Board of Missions, New York, and four Churches have contributed money otherwise $55.00, making $272.00. "Boxes," also, have been reported valued together at $1,128.00. Total from Presbytery of Morris and Orange, $1,400.00.

This would make sixty-three Churches in all, and the total contributions to Home Missions from the women in this Synod, for the past year, $8,740.55.

In attempting to report to the Synod for the last twelve months only, there may be some apparent, but no real, discrepancy with the reports given by the societies in April last.

From the far-off Presbytery of Corisco, it is pleasant to hear of the interest taken by the women there in the new movement in this country in favor of Home Missions; and they solve the question, which to them is one of nice distinction, as to what may be called Foreign, and what Home Missions, by contributing to both. Rev. Dr. Nassau, in answer to a communication received from our New Jersey Synodical Committee, after thanking us for remembering our African sisters, writes: "But, as you say, the topic of 'Home Missions' becomes to our native Church members 'complicated.' We keep faithfully the 'Monthly Concert,' now so sadly fallen into disuse in so many Churches, and, while our fellow-Christians are, in the United States Concert, praying for Foreign Missions, (*i. e.*, for us), we are praying not only for ourselves, *but for them*. We have always made it so; for we know that without grace from on high, the American Church will not send here the needed heralds. The hour you name for the proposed

Sabbath prayer would anticipate your morning hour by about five hours."

Our committee, while not able to report increase of contributions during the past year, feels encouraged at the deepening interest taken in the cause, and by a larger number of Churches. Several of the best Missionary teachers in Utah and New Mexico receive their salaries from the women of New Jersey through the Board of Home Missions, while money has gone to aid in the work in Alaska also.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick still carries the banner, while that of West Jersey has come nobly to the front, and this mainly through the efforts made there by one or more pastors. In Monmouth, also, there has been an advance, "Largely due," as stated in the religious papers of June last, "to those women who labor in the Gospel. For many years the appropriations of the Home Board to the Presbytery of Monmouth have not been so small as at present."

This calls attention to the fact that our money statement does not represent all the amounts raised for real Home Missionary work by the women within the bounds of this Synod. Some of it has been spent directly upon Mission Churches on the spot, and again more indirectly through what are called City Missions.

It may be of interest to the Synod to know that their example in appointing a Synodical Committee of women to take some oversight of woman's work in Home Missions, was followed in October, 1878, by thirteen more of the Synods of the Church, and it is believed that others will take like action this Fall. The Synod of the Pacific is already heard from as having done so. Also the Presbytery of Chester, Synod of Philadelphia.

In regard to the members of these Synodical Committees, it is found, by experience, that the fact of an appointment from the Synod, gives them courage to present the cause of Home Missions, opening the way before them.

In December, 1878, by recommendation of the General Assembly, a "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions" was constituted, having for its aim, to unify the work, by giving headquarters and a point of reference to all the Synodical Committees, which, indeed, are all organically conjoined with it. The women from twenty-nine of the Synods have already made contributions, and are in correspondence with it. It has received the endorsement of the General Assembly; works in close co-operation with the Board of Home Missions; and finds the work growing upon its hands.

As the *Rocky Mt. Presbyterian*, sent to the pastors every month, is, in part, edited by the "Woman's Executive Committee," it would greatly help us, by the blessing of God, if the pastors will give it out

for circulatian among the women of the congregation, after making themselves what use of it they may wish; for the majority of our women are still ignorant of the destitutions in our own land, and that there is much to meet these wants which they themselves can do.

A circular just out, written by Mrs. H. D. Gregory, President of our Synodical Committee, may also be distributed to advantage.

The Synodical Committee would respectfully suggest the holding again, this coming Winter, of a series of meetings, in the interest of Home Missions, at different points in the Synod. Nothing of the kind has been attempted during the past year, which omission, we believe, has been to the loss of the cause at large.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. H. HAINES,

Corresponding Secretary.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the "Synodical Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions," held in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, October 21st, 1879, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, the short series of conventions held in 1878 were found to have good effect in arousing interest in Home Missions; therefore,

Resolved, that another effort of the kind be made, during the coming Winter, in this Synod, if approved by the Synod.

Resolved, that our President, Mrs. H. D. Gregory, be requested and empowered to make the arrangements necessary, and that we co-operate with her in every way possible.

Resolved, that we believe the appointment of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, with headquarters at 23 Centre street, New York, will greatly tend to stimulate and unify the work of the women all through the Church.

Resolved, that as the *Rocky Mt. Presbyterian* is, in part, edited by the Woman's Executive Committee, and thus becomes the organ of our work, we endeavor to obtain as many subscribers to it as possible.

Addresses of deep practical interest were made by Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D., a member of the Board of Home Missions, and by Rev. Dr. Priest, who was able to speak, from recent observation, of the evils of Mormonism, and also of the good accomplished by Missions in Utah.

For the Synodical Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions

for the ensuing year, the following names are respectfully submitted to the Synod for confirmation or change:

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth.
Mrs. O. E. Boyd, Rahway.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly.
Mrs. J. D. Bedle, Jersey City.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Miss Mary C. Taylor, Burlington.
Mrs. B. S. Everitt, Jamesburg.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Dr. Aikman, Madison.
Mrs. E. W. Stoddard, Succasunna.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Miss J. H. Nichols, Newark.
Mrs. Dr. Wilson, Newark.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. E. B. Howell, Trenton.
Mrs. D. R. Foster, Pennington.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Mrs. H. E. Spayde, Harmony.
Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Blairstown.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. A. Burt, Bridgeton.
Mrs. S. G. Ware, Salem.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. H. D. Gregory.
Vice-President—Mrs. Joel Parker.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. R. T. Haines.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Langdon.

Adjourned to meet in Salem October 13th, 1880.

C. H. LANGDON,
Recording Secretary.

VI.—SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions present to the Synod their seventh annual report. First in order will come the reports from the Presbyteries, as given by the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

In our Church Extension Work there have been no changes claiming the special attention of Synod. Our territory is chiefly occupied, and existing organizations and preaching points have had the Gospel faithfully dispensed to them with encouraging results. Sabbath observance, the cause of Temperance and Sabbath School Work are commanding renewed zeal and efforts.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

During the past year some changes have occurred among the Churches under our supervision.

The Church at Hackensack has been called to part with its Pastor, and is laboring under heavy financial difficulties. The people are hopeful, however, and are making earnest efforts to remove them.

Rev. Mr. Bidwell has resigned the charge of the Westminster Church. The congregation, cheered however by the opening of promising prospects before them, are expecting soon to settle a Pastor, and have determined at once to become self-supporting.

The Church at Union still lives and continues to cherish good hope of an established future.

The German Churches seem all to be in good condition. On the 5th of June, a Church of thirty-eight members was organized at Arlington, under the most encouraging auspices. A beautiful building is in process of erection, and the time when a settled Pastor will be needed cannot be far off.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

During the year just closed, the Presbytery has found no occasion for new Church Extension Work, but has accomplished some important work for Churches already established.

The heavy debt upon the German Church of Orange, amounting to $5,872, has been finally extinguished, and thus the largest and most important German Church in the Presbytery enters upon its new career as a self-supporting body, full of courage and hope, and with manifest tokens of divine approval.

At Mine Hill, the Church began, five years ago, to build a commodious and comely structure, with every prospect of success and with the intention of seeking no external aid. The building had been enclosed and the lecture-room was occupied, when hard times came suddenly upon the people. The mining interests collapsed, and great numbers of the miners left the region. The building came to a standstill and remained unfinished until a few months past. The Pastor and the people took heart again, and, with liberal aid from the Church Erection Board and $400 from the Presbytery, the edifice has been completed, free from debt, greatly to the encouragement of the Church and the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery has applied to the Board of Church Erection for a grant of $500 to the German Church of Pleasant Valley, a vigorous and self-supporting Church organized eighteen months ago. If this expected aid is given, all the Mission Churches of the Presbytery will have comfortable, roomy and some of them handsome edifices, with no burden of debt upon them.

The Church of Dover last Sunday raised $5,000 toward a debt upon the parsonage of $7,000, and, within a few days, will secure the remainder. We have everything to be thankful for in the external condition of our Churches.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

(No report.)

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

There have been few changes during the year past. The most of our Churches are so located that their growth or expansion must necessarily be slow. The Third Church of Trenton lost their building by fire, on the 4th of July last, but that which seemed a calamity wears already the promise of blessing, as a new and more beautiful structure is rising out of the ruins. The Second Church of Trenton has also greatly beautified its House of Worship, and others of our Churches are contemplating improvements, which, it is believed, will add greatly to their comfort and usefulness.

A. GOSMAN, *Chairman.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Monmouth would respectfully report to the Synod, that all their Churches have been supplied during the year, and that commendable progress has been made by our feeble Churches towards self-support. Only eleven are deriving any aid from the Board of Home Missions at the present time. The new Church at Keyport has maintained its Minister and has purchased a lot and laid the foundation of a new Church, to cost $3,000.

A new Church was organized, in the Summer, at Asbury Park, with sixteen members and nine added since, and steps have been taken towards the erection of a Church on a lot donated by Mr. James Bradley.

The Church at Bass River has made considerable improvements in its Church property, under the leadership of Mr. I. F. Shepherd, a student of Union Seminary, whose labors have also been blessed to the souls of the people.

The Church at Riverton completed their beautiful edifice and dedicated it on the 2d of July.

The largely-increasing Summer population has employed much of our care, and we have been cheered by the eminent success of the Tabernacle at Asbury Park in the gathering of large congregations and the generous contributions made by them towards the liquidation of the debt on the building, exceeding $1,000. A similar enterprise has been undertaken at Ocean Beach with hopeful prospects.

With all our efforts, we are unable to meet the growing demands of new places starting up all along the shore, and we are behind the enterprise of other denominations in providing Church accommodations for our people. We have been greatly aided in our work by the Synodical Missionary, and, at our last meeting, the subjoined resolution was unanimously passed by the Presbytery and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Monmouth, understanding and appreciating the faithful and exceedingly valuable services of the Synodical Missionary, Rev. A. H. Brown, do hereby commend his labors and express our earnest desire that nothing may be done to deprive us of his successful and, in our view, well nigh indispensable help in cultivating our large and important mission field.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of West Jersey respectfully report, that we have endeavored to carefully watch over

the interests of our mission field. These require our constant attention. At some points, discouragements had to be met and overcome. At others, there has been decided progress. On the whole, there has been gain.

It is an encouraging fact that we have drawn less this year from the funds of the Board than for any one of the past four years. And the excess of our contributions to the Board is still more marked as compared with previous years, over $2,000 having been contributed from this Presbytery, which is $500 more than last year. This increase has been largely due to the efforts of Ladies' Auxiliary Societies within our bounds, organized to aid in Home Mission work.

Gratifying progress has been made, the past year, upon our shore field. The Chapel at Atlantic City, of which mention was made in our last report, was completed during the year, at a cost of over $2,400. Only $700 of this amount remains unpaid.

The group of Churches of which Absecon is the centre, have been lifted from long depression and greatly invigorated by the labors of a student of the Seminary at Princeton, whom we procured to labor there during the vacation.

The Church at Hammonton has been removed to a more eligible site, and alterations are being made which will make it better adapted to the uses of the Church and Sunday School. This field is in a more hopeful condition than at our last report.

Merchantville has paid off the remainder of its mortgage debt of $2,300, and now holds the property free of encumbrance.

Although Swedesborough has recently lost its pastor, we are about making favorable arrangements for the prosecution of our work among the Germans there and at Woodbury. Our other Missionary fields have been, in the main, supplied.

Presbytery, at its last meeting, appointed a committee to organize a new Church at Elmer, a point at the junction of the West Jersey railroad with its Salem branch. The prospects here are encouraging.

Outside of our Missionary stations, there are various signs of progress among our Churches. The Second Church of Cedarville, recently aided by the Board, has been put upon its feet by the generosity of a friend in Philadelphia, who paid off its debt of $856. It has now a settled Pastor.

The Church at Woodbury has completed a handsome and convenient Chapel, at a cost of nearly $4,000. Deerfield has also built and paid for a commodious Chapel. Another such is now being erected at Blackwoodtown.

Several of our Church edifices, injured by the violent storm of October last, have been repaired and improved. Fairton is an instance of this. Greenwich had just renovated and beautified its interior

before the storm. The roof was carried away, and the work destroyed. But the people have borne the strain of a double sacrifice, and restored it. The Church at Salem, suffering a similar calamity, has spent over $5,000 in renovating its building, and in purchasing a new organ.

The efforts of your Synodical Missionary to aid us in the care of our Mission Churches, have been constant, wise, and never more valuable than during the past year. We are more than ever convinced of the wisdom and need of such an auxiliary agency, and are truly grateful to the Synod for its sympathy and aid thus furnished. Our desire for its continuance was expressed at the last meeting in Presbytery, in the following resolution, offered by Dr. Bannard, and unanimously adopted in the Committee and by Presbytery:

Resolved, That in view of the wants of its feeble Churches, and of the efficient work of the Synodical Missionary within its bounds, the Presbytery of West Jersey earnestly request his appointment by Synod for another year.

In behalf of the Committee,

L. C. BAKER, *Chairman.*

FIELD OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

The work in this field has presented no decidedly new features during the past year, and yet, as compared with former years, gives decided cause for encouragement and thanksgiving.

The two lower Presbyteries, where lies the main Mission field of the Synod, show proofs of growth in two directions. Their contributions to the Board of Home Missions have increased, and their drafts upon the Board have diminished. They have given about $1,100 more, and have received about $800 less, which represents a gain to the cause of $1,900. This, it ought to be said, is largely due to the efforts of the women in their local and Presbyterial Home Mission Societies.

Another and most pleasant aspect of our South Jersey Mission work is, that it seems more and more to be taking hold upon the sympathies of influential men and women in our Churches. Several large gifts have been made to particular Churches during the year. The Providence Church (rightly so-named), was long "a feeble folk," since the first services were held there years ago, when a Sabbath School was held in the open air. Coming, in later years, under the earnest supervision of Rev. E. B. Hodge, of Burlington, it was organized into a Church in 1865. By the contribution of $3,100 from liberal and unnamed friends, a beautiful Chapel was erected and dedicated December 17th, 1878.

The Second Church of Cedarville received, through the Board of Church Erection, the special gift of $856 from a kind friend in Philadelphia, which entirely removed its debt, and put new life into a struggling and important Church.

In the last report, some account was given of the growing needs of the resident population of Atlantic City, and of the purpose of our Church there to erect a Chapel suitable for Winter quarters and their Sunday School, stimulated by the offer of $500 from a generous lady friend in Philadelphia. This work has been accomplished, at a cost of $2,400, of which sum the congregation, with the help of Summer visitors, raised nearly $1,800, besides defraying current expenses. The Chapel was dedicated on the 14th of January last, and thus has come to a most successful issue an important Church enterprise which, but a few years ago, seemed hardly to have a title to life. Presbyterianism has now, in Atlantic City, a large and beautiful edifice for its Summer visitors, and a comely Chapel for its Winter residents and its Sunday School of two hundred members.

Other enterprises, such as the Tabernacle at Asbury Park, Riverton and Hammonton, have had mention in the Presbyterial reports. It is by no means claimed that these successes have all been connected with this Synodical agency. With some of them our Missionary has had little or nothing to do, while with others his efforts have been continued and earnest, and essential to their success.

Some advance has been made towards self-support this year. The Churches of Oceanic and South Amboy no longer ask aid, and thus the yearly appropriations made to the Presbytery of Monmouth are reduced to one-half of what they were five years ago. In that Presbytery ten Churches, and in West Jersey eleven Churches, continue to ask help from the Assembly's Board.

One of the most important and difficult duties devolving on the Missionary Superintendent, is the supply of vacant Mission pulpits. To keep the pulpits of the small Churches supplied with the Gospel preacher, is a work of incessant care, demanding a special instrumentality. This will be seen when it is stated that in January last eight pulpits had become vacant, to which, in April, twelve more were added, nearly all of them small Churches, and not self-sustaining. With the exception of three, they have found Pastors or stated supplies, and two of these three have been furnished with occasional supplies. If no other work had been done through the Synodical agency, than the steady maintenance, year by year, of preaching in the pulpits of these weak Churches, and Pastoral and Sabbath School work in these communities, it would well repay all that has been expended upon it in labor and money. That it could possibly be done by the

oversight of the busy Pastors of the Presbyteries, some may believe. That it has not been done before is certain.

Quite an interesting feature of the year's work, in this connection, has been the volunteer labor of three Theological students from Princeton and Union Seminaries, without stipulated compensation, the Board of Home Missions having decided not to give commissions to Theological students who were not graduates of the Seminary.

One of these labored acceptably at Delanco. Another, at Bass River, boarded round among the people, and so stimulated them that, in their poverty, they repaired and repainted their Church building, and sent him back to the Seminary with a comfortable sum of money in his pocket and a warmer love for his ministerial calling.

The third student made his Summer field in Atlantic county, caring for the Churches of Absecon, Leeds Point and Somers Point. Into these despondent Churches he put hope. Congregations were brought together, Sabbath schools re-organized, additions made to two of the Churches and quite a new face put upon their affairs.

Light and shadow mingle in other places. At Berlin, the Church building was damaged by a tornado and a second time by a hail-storm, and, in the enfeebled condition of the people, Mr. Brown had to care for the protection of the property. The Church, having for some time been closed, will soon be opened again.

Tuckerton, amid many difficulties, still maintains itself independent of foreign aid.

Yardville has only been partially successful in the same effort.

Swedesboro' finds the problem of uniting the German and English-speaking people under one pastorate, a difficult one to solve.

Barnegat comes slowly and steadily into position, our edifice there improving in its appearance and comfort, with promise of good work in the future. The extension of the Waretown Railroad to Barnegat, gives new life and importance to the place.

In nearly all these Missionary regions poverty afflicts the people, but the revival of business at the centres of commerce and manufactures is slowly yet surely reaching into the rural districts, and will ere long be felt among the Churches there.

The committee gratefully recognize the liberal aid granted to some of these Churches by the Church Erection Board; they also give thanks to the Board of Publication for grants of books and papers; to the American Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments for Sunday Schools; to the Church of South Orange for a Communion Set and a Missionary-box, and to the Sabbath Schools of South Orange, First Church of Trenton, Bridgeton, Millville and Pittsgrove for donations of money and books.

Your committee, in closing, beg leave to call again the thoughtful attention of the Synod in the direction of the certain influx of a large population into South Jersey, and at no very distant date. Familiar as we may seem to be with the rapid multiplication of sea coast settlements, from Sandy Hook to Cape May, with their great hotels, their numerous private habitations, their immense Summer throngs and their rapidly-growing permanent population, it may yet be that we have not well considered some of the results sure to follow, or in the light of them have come to measure *our* duty to the multitudes of the near future.

Take a few instructive facts. On Absecon beach, a few years ago, lived half a dozen families. On that beach now stands Atlantic City, with a permanent population of 3,000 souls; with 900 youth and children on the Sabbath School rolls; with two railroads, and a third begun, pouring into its vast hotels a Summer population varying from 20,000 to 40,000 persons.

The assessed valuation of property at Ocean Beach and Asbury Park, ten years ago, was about $15,000; it is now half a million, and rapidly increasing.

At Toms River, the new camp at Island Heights, a mile square, and but a year old, has sold $25,000 worth of lots, and already many cottages have been built upon them, in preparation for what seems a near and large success. The Summer residents along the coast, who live there one, two or three months, are steadily increasing. The Summer visitors number, every season, not less than a quarter of a million, growing more numerous every year.

Now, consider the results of this upon the agricultural interests of the interior. These multitudes are all to be fed, with all their retinue of servants, with all their beasts of burden. Look along the railroad line between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, or between Camden and Long Branch. Much more than half of the whole region, untilled and waste, but with agricultural possibilities equal to Vineland, and how sure must these great markets develop these wide spaces, and productive farming become general. There is room in South Jersey, and admirable opportunity for an intelligent immigration into these farming regions, where the climate is among the healthiest in the world, where land is cheap, and markets for all the vegetables and most of the small fruits are near, and sure, and profitable. If, even now, a thousand young families, whose husbands are full of enterprise and hope, whose eyes are looking westward, allured by visions of the mighty wheat fields, would turn their attention to the open acres of Southern Jersey, tney would come to an early competence, and their children, instead of being reared afar from Schools and Churches, and

often on the borders of barbarism, would grow up amidst the amenities of religious and educational influences.

The railroad maps of New Jersey give evidence that these regions are being steadily opened up, the intersecting lines growing more numerous every year, and showing that business men are awake to the "treasures upon earth" which are there laid up.

It cannot be said that Presbyterians have done their part in Southern New Jersey during the last fifty years. Fields once manned by us have slipped out of our hands, and new fields have invited us in vain. The counties of Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, and that part of Burlington county upon the coast, contain 100,000 inhabitants. The Presbyterian Church has, there, about 2,500 members. These are not, indeed, our due proportion; but yet the Churches there, and in the rest of our Home Mission field, are in a better condition than they have been for a hundred years. The Synod of New Jersey will surely help these to a stronger life, and lay broader plans for that future to whose good and great results the plain Providence of God invites us.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT AIKMAN, *Chairman.*

Note.—The Synodical Committee disclaim any power or desire to make an assessment either on Presbyteries or Churches. Believing that there are many who will take pleasure in sustaining the work which the Synod has authorized, the committee respectfully request the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Morris and Orange, Newark and New Brunswick to raise, in their own way, each $240, and the Presbyteries of Newton, Jersey City, Monmouth and West Jersey, each $160, as a reasonable basis of support for the Synodical Work during the ensuing year.

The Committee met and re-appointed Rev. Allen H. Brown Synodical Missionary for one year. His P. O. address is Camden, N. J.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The receipts from the Presbyteries have been as follows:

Presbytery of Elizabeth	$226.63	
" " Jersey City	97.00	
" " Monmouth	160.00	
" " Morris and Orange	240.00	
" " Newark, balance on last year, $20.00 present year $220.00	240.00	
" " New Brunswick	240.00	
" " Newton	115.85	
" " West Jersey	160.00	
		$1,479.48
Received from Rev. A. H. Brown, for preaching services		43.23
Balance on hand last year		23.38
		$1,546.09

The following has been paid:

Rev. A. H. Brown, for salary	$1,200.00	
" " traveling expenses	287.05	
Traveling expenses of the committee	20.05	
Printing and mailing reports and circulars	40.28	
		$1,547.38
Balance due the Treasurer		$1.29

ROBERT AIKMAN,
Treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, as now constituted, is as follows, viz.:

NAMES.	PRESBYTERIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.	
Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., *Chairman and Treasurer,*	Morris and Orange	Madison,	N. J.
Rev. Hugh Smythe	Elizabeth	Elizabeth,	"
" C. K. Imbrie, D.D	Jersey City	Jersey City,	"
" A. H. Dashiell, Jr	Monmouth	Bricksburg,	"
" E. R. Craven, D.D	Newark	Newark,	"
" A. Gosman, D.D	New Brunswick	Lawrenceville,	"
" J. M. Maxwell	Newton	Belvidere,	"
" L. C. Baker	West Jersey	Camden,	"

MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth.....	Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown..	" Chas. K. Imbrie, D.D.	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield...	" Robert Aikman, D.D.	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton.....	" Samuel Miller, D.D....	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington	" J. H. McIlvaine, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden.....	" J. M. Macdonald, D.D.	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange.....	" Wm. C. Roberts, D.D.	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth.....	" Thomas McCauley.....	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark	" E. Kempshall, D.D....	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown..	" Wm. Bannard, D.D...	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton.....	" A. Gosman, D.D.....	New Brunswick.

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